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Toronto gives funds for Project Renewal

TORONTO —

One hundred and seventy families living in Jerusalem's shanty town, the Asbestonim, will get new homes as the result of the Toronto Jewish community's participation in Project Renewal, the new $1.2 billion program to rehabilitate the slums of Israel.

According to Joel Greisman, Toronto chairman of Project Renewal—which is part of the 1979 UJA campaign—funds raised by Toronto are earmarked specifically for Kiryat Hayovel and Kiryat Menachem, two neighborhoods in Jerusalem.

Greisman was in Jerusalem recently to inspect the areas and said conditions are especially deplorable in the Asbestonim, in Kiryat Hayovel. "Those asbestos shacks were built more than 20 years ago as temporary housing for the waves of new immigrants arriving from the oriental countries," he said. "They are still being used by 80 senior citizen families, 30 young couples and 60 large families. Conditions are grim. They are not insulated and are unbearably hot in the summer and cold and damp in the winter."

Greisman added that "if all goes well, the families will be moved into brand new apartments to be constructed nearby. The shacks will be razed and the land used for a badly needed park."

The Project Renewal chairman described as "distressing" a group of hastily constructed apartment buildings on Brazil and Olsvanger streets. They were set on the side of a hill, four stories above street level and four below, so as to avoid a bylaw requiring elevators for buildings more than four stories above the street level. The result is that apartments below street level are without sunlight or sufficient air circulation. Average size of the apartments is 30 to 55 square meters comprising two rooms, a small kitchen and bathroom. Often, they are occupied by families of six and more.

Shtern Street is another part of Kiryat Hayovel which will get attention through Project Renewal. Although barely a mile long, the street is home for 6,000 Israelis—nearly 2% of Jerusalem's population. The street was developed in 1967 as a slum clearance project but because it is so crowded, many social problems have developed and there are few community services.

Total population of Kiryat Hayovel is 35,000. Almost all need help of some sort, with about 35% on welfare.

"One of the important aspects of Project Renewal," Greisman noted, "is that it is not only a housing program. Our money will help pay also for community and social services."

The entire Kiryat Hayovel program covers the repair of 60 apartments, enlarging 646 and construction of 170 new apartments. Planned also are two day-care centres, two kindergartens, a sports centre, a community centre, and a clubhouse. Project Renewal will also pay the salaries of 23 community workers for five years.

Plans for Kiryat Menachem, which has a population of 9,000, include enlarging 300 apartments, repair of 300 housing units, development of a park on Henrietta Szold Street, four kindergartens, a day-care centre and a swimming pool. "And," said Greisman, "23 community workers will be hired to make certain the social and recreational needs of the community are looked after properly."

Fascists denied status

TORONTO —

The fascist Nationalist Party of Canada has failed in its attempt to become an official Ontario political party.

The Ontario Commission on Election Finances has rejected its application for registration. That would have entitled the party to such privileges as having its name on election ballots and collecting income tax exempt contributions.

Donald Andrews, leader of the party, was recently released from jail on parole after serving 10 months of a two-year prison term for conspiracy and possession of explosives.

The election finances commission chairman declined to comment on the rejection of the party's application. It was understood, however, that the rejection is based on the findings of graphologists who examined the 12,000 signatures collected by the group required to qualify as an official party. Among these were lists of names written in an identical handwriting and therefore deemed to be forgeries.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, through its community relations and anti-Nazi committee, with B'nai B'rith, has been pursuing efforts to amend the legislation in such a way as to prevent groups advocating genocide from receiving registration status. It has sent deputations to all three political parties in the Ontario legislature.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

SYNAGOGUE INAUGURATION

Members of Congregation Solel, Mississauga's only synagogue, walk to site of building to mark its opening on Folkway Drive and Erin Mills Parkway. Spiritual leader is Rabbi Larry Englander.

'Israel to lose Iran oil'

PARIS (JTA) —

Iran will cut off all oil to Israel "after the advent of an Islamic republic" in Iran, according to Iranian refugees who have joined Ayatullah Khoumeini, the exiled Iranian religious leader who has become the symbol of resistance to the Shah, at his home in Neauphle-le-Chateau 25 miles southwest from Paris. These Iranians do not claim to act as Khoumeini's spokesmen but are known to be supporters and close followers of his cause.

They say openly that "after we win, not a drop of oil will go to Israel," and add that Iran will "join in the struggle to fee the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem from Israeli rule."

Khoumeini has up to now made only one statement on this issue, confirming that oil shipments to Israel will cease once a new Islamic regime takes control. Iran reportedly now supplies 70 percent of Israel's annual needs.

The exiled leader has refused to discuss this question further and has also rejected requests for interviews from Israeli journalists and representatives of Jewish newspapers. Members of his entourage, however, are quite outspoken. Some assert that "all Israelis will be chased out of Iran" once the Shah is deposed and accuse Israel of serving "as the tool of American imperialism" in Iran.

Recently, The New York Times reported that Khoumeini is quoted as expressing anti-Jewish sentiments in a little known book based on lectures in Persian in Iraq in 1970. The book, Islamic Government, published in Arabic and reportedly very rare in the United States and Iran, quotes him as expressing "extreme hostility" against Jews, whom he accuses of "plotting against Islam" and "preparing the way to rule over the entire planet."

Meanwhile, consultations between Israel and the United States have taken place during the last few days concerning supplies of crude oil.

Israel has asked the Americans to be ready to supply oil because of cuts in supplies from Iran due to the serious situation in that country.

In 1975, the United States agreed to supply Israel with oil in case of need, in return for Israel's agreement to hand over the Sinai oilfields to Egypt at the time of the interim peace accords.

In Jerusalem, officials of the Energy Ministry said that Israel is in no danger of running out of oil and is obtaining supplies from Mexico. The Mexican oil, however, costs five per cent more than oil from Iran.

Tortuous efforts make Syrian release possible

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

After seven years of tortuous efforts, two Jewish families may be released from Syria this year — if the Syrian government is willing.

Involved in the possible emigration to Toronto of the Dahab and Sabbagh families have been the Canadian Jewish Congress's National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, Canada's Department of Employment and Immigration, and the Syrian government.

"On this very day, officials of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society are helping Toronto relatives of these two families fill out immigration application forms," Judy Feld Carr told The Canadian Jewish News last week. Mrs. Carr, chairman of the National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, has been instrumental in rallying public support for Syrian Jewry.

"The immigration visas were just granted a couple of weeks earlier," said Mrs. Carr. "But whether the two families will be allowed to join their relatives here in Toronto is ultimately up to the Syrian government. We are hoping they will allow the release on humanitarian grounds."

Hannah Cohen, of Downsview, is the sister of Rabbi Eliyahu Dahab, who, along with his wife Jamille three daughters Olga, Ava and Esther, and son-in-law Henri Farhi and children, represent one of the families seeking to be re-united here in Toronto.

Joseph Esses has completed forms allowing immigration of his sister and brother-in-law, the Sabbaghs, a couple in their 60s. Esses himself emigrated from Syria in 1956, the last year of comparatively free exit from that country since 1947.

Congress—and the Jewish community — will in effect "adopt" the two families, said Mrs. Carr, providing for their resettlement costs and employment here.

Efforts to release the Sabbaghs began seven years ago when immigration applications were first mailed to them, Mrs. Carr explained. Regrettably, these papers got no further than the Aleppo post office. Travel restrictions on Jews prevented the Sabbaghs from picking them up. The post office, explained Mrs. Carr, was situated beyond the three-kilometer distance that Jews were allowed to travel without permission of the state security police. This permission was never granted. "As far as we know," said Mrs. Carr, "the original immigration papers are still there."

The first efforts on behalf of the Dahabs two years ago were equally frustrating. Learning of the futility of sending immigration papers by mail, community representatives here prevailed upon the Canadian government to agree to send these papers from its embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, to the British embassy in Damascus, which represents Canadian diplomatic interests in Syria.

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Israel will co-operate

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Now that Jacques Lanctot has returned to Montreal from Paris to face charges resulting from Front de la Liberation du Quebec (FLQ) terrorism, including conspiracy to kidnap the Israel trade commissioner Moshe Golan at the time, it is understood that the wheels of justice have already begun turning in the direction of co-operation from the Israeli authorities.

According to reliable sources, however, there has been no contact yet between Quebec justice officials and the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa, which would logically be contacted if and when contact with Golan would be required.

In any case, although Lanctot and his fellow FLQ terrorists conspired to kidnap both Cross and Golan, the plot was successful only in the case of the British trade commissioner.

What makes the affair particularly intriguing, recalling the tension at that time for Montreal Jews, is the fact that in the spring of 1970, Lanctot plotted a "celebration" of "Quebec-Palestine week"—an indication that his political extremism went far beyond Quebec independence.

As it was subsequently learned, Jacques Lanctot's father, Gerard Lanctot, was a leading member of Adrien Arcand's neo-Nazi movement in the 1930s.

At the time of the incident, in 1970, the Israel Consulate General still had a prominent presence on "consulate row" as McGregor Avenue was known, and Jack Mombaz was the consul general. But Golan's trade office was located in a high-rise business building on St. Catherine and Peel, which also housed the Israel tourist office and which has since been closed here.

The consulate subsequently was moved to the fortress-like Place Bonaventure "for security reasons."

Canada, Israel sign agreement on agriculture

By RUTH KAHANE

OTTAWA —

Canada and Israel have entered a new phase of joint co-operation.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan and Israeli Agriculture Minister Arik Sharon have signed an agreement in Jerusalem in the form of a memorandum of understanding for the exchange of agricultural scientists.

The memorandum also covers the exchange of scientific and technical information and the development of joint agricultural research projects.

An official with the international liaison office of Agriculture Canada said that at the meeting a permanent Canada-Israel joint agricultural committee was established to include senior officials from the two countries.

The joint agricultural committee will be the first Canada has established with a country in the Africa-Asia-Middle East region. It now shares similar agreements with a number of Eastern European countries and Brazil.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Gaetan Lussier and senior Assistant Deputy Minister George Fleischmann, who accompanied Whelan on his visit will be involved in setting up the first meeting of the Canada-Israel agricultural committee, and paving the way for future joint projects.

Key topics expected to be discussed by the official delegations in formal working sessions include marketing, irrigation, trade, co-operatives, and research, especially in the area of irrigation.

Canada is interested in Israel's advancements in the field of irrigation and water because of their possible application to dryland farming in Western Canada.

In the area of agricultural trade, Canada is interested in Israel as a possible market for rapeseed, seed potatoes, and additional grain, though it has strong price competition from the United States in these commodities.

Whelan's itinerary included a visit to the Volcani Institute, a major agricultural research station near Rehovot, several kibbutzim and moshavim, a research station in the Negev, a feed mill, as well as to Sharon's private ranch in the Negev.

Fund established to honor memory of lawyer Gans

TORONTO —

Friends of the late Fred Gans have established a fund to provide for a memorial to perpetuate his name and deeds.

We've already had discussions with Maryon Kantaroff, a Canadian sculptress whose work Fred very much admired, stated lawyer and friend Allen Karp who will chair the fund. "She's been very receptive to sculpting a tribute to Fred."

Gans, a lawyer, was shot to death outside a Toronto courthouse last month by a husband of a woman whose divorce case he was handling.

Karp added that friends and colleagues of the lawyer had begun to volunteer donations to a Gans memorial even before the kind of memorial had been decided upon.

"Fred did so many things. He loved athletics, music, drama. He gave a lot of himself to good causes like the Ontario Legal Aid Committee to which he consistently donated his time. And sculpting was a special love of Fred's. He really was very good."

Gans was awarded a posthumous Q.C. the first ever, last week by the Ontario government.

Soviet textbooks said anti-Semitic

LONDON (JTA) —

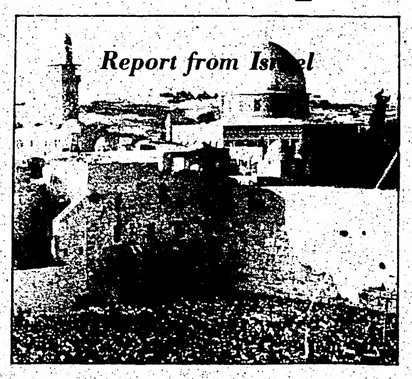
Generations of Soviet school children have been given a negative view of Jews and Jewish history as a result of the steadily increasing anti-Semitism of textbooks used in Soviet history classes. "They corrupt young people and implant in them a sense of incompatability and hostility between them and the Jews," according to an article in "Soviet Jewish Affairs," published by the London Institute of Jewish Affairs.

The author, Daniel Fish, draws parallels with Czarist Russia after the 1880s when the rise of anti-Semitism coincided with the virtual monopoly of high-school history textbooks by the anti-Semite D.I. Illovaysky. Noting that the purpose of Soviet education is to "arm" pupils with "Communist morality."

Fish's article found various stages in the increasingly anti-Jewish tone of Soviet history teaching over the past four decades.

In ancient history textbooks in use from the 1930s to the early 1950s, there was still a desire, if not to inspire respect for Jews as bearers of an ancient culture, at least to neutralize the anti-Semitism of the pre-war and especially post-war years. But the mid-1950s were a turning point, and the words "Judea," "Israel" and "Jerusalem" began to disappear. By 1954, the Jews disappeared almost entirely from ancient history as taught in Soviet school rooms.

Sinai settlers angry over plan to uproot them and dismantle towns as part of peace terms



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

YAMIT, Sinai Peninsula —

"Yesterday, I was a pioneer," says Alice Coret. "Today, I'm considered a squatter."

A 56-year-old widow, Mrs. Coret and 2,000 of her fellow settlers find the sands of time running out on them in this northern Sinai outpost. As part of the Camp David agreements, Israel pledged to return Sinai to Egypt and dismantle its settlements in the so-called Rafiah Approaches.

"I burned my bridges to come to Yamit," says Mrs. Coret, a native of Kassell, Germany, who arrived in Palestine in 1934. "I've got nowhere to go back to. I've sunk all my funds into my house."

If the Camp David accords are implemented according to schedule, Yamit will be evacuated by 1981 and this beautiful town on the Mediterranean will become a footnote in history.

Last year, Israel and Egypt broke off their peace talks in Jerusalem because Israel was reluctant to part with Yamit and the other settlements in the region. They had been built after the Six Day War as a means of insulating the Gaza Strip from Egypt.

Moshe Dayan, then minister of defence, had predicted Yamit's population would mushroom to 200,000, and he and the government encouraged Israelis to pull up their stakes and settle the Rafiah Approaches. Work on Yamit began a few years after the Six Day War. Anwar Sadat told his then-confident, newspaper editor Muhammed Haikal, that the presence of Yamit was an insult to Egyptian pride.

"Every word spoken about Yamit is a knife pointing at me personally and at my self-respect," he is said to have complained.

Today, as Egypt and Israel move closer to signing a peace treaty, the settlers in the Rafiah Approaches grow more worried about their future in the lonely settlements they built from scratch. Clearly, they are disappointed and bitter about Prime Minister Begin's decision to revise his original hard-line stance over the Rafiah Approaches. However, the majority are prepared to leave in the interest of facilitating peace in the Middle East.

Yamit is undeniably the showpiece settlement in the occupied territories. Set in rolling sand dunes, amid palm groves, Yamit's natural beauty is greatly enhanced by an unspoiled beach facing the crashing surf of the Mediterranean. Except for a tribe of Beduins, who trade with the settlers, the area is uninhabited and pristine.

Although you wouldn't expect it out in the untamed Sinai, Yamit has a modern shopping plaza complete with a cultural centre, synagogue, and even tennis courts. The population is mixed. Approximately half of the settlers are Israelis and the remainder are immigrants from throughout the world.

Since the Camp David accords, construction has all but ground to a halt and thus the skyline of Yamit is broken by half-built homes and silent cranes.

"Zionism was not the force that impelled people to come here," says Mrs. Coret, who lived in Beersheba prior to moving to Yamit one year ago. "They wanted to build something better for themselves. Yamit has a wonderful combination of sea and the most beautiful beach you can imagine.

"You can't duplicate this spot in terms of atmosphere," she adds plaintively. "It's so lovely, this place and it will hurt to leave. There's nothing like it in Israel." Her voice turns bitter. "Arab laborers have already divided up our property among themselves."

In spite of it all, Mrs. Coret is hopeful. "If our evacuation brings real peace, almost everyone would willingly leave."

Jeff Benjamin, 35, has been in Yamit for three years. At home, in Albany, New York, he ran an appliance store. In Yamit, he operates a restaurant.

"Israel sold us down the drain," he says. "I would have called myself a Zionist eight months ago. Today, there aren't any Zionists left. Israel has corrupted the word." Benjamin says he intends to leave the country. "From this particular point, Yamit has no future. It's a dead city. Because of this, no one will ever believe the government again."

Yael Aranson, secretary of the community centre, is a striking 29-year-old blonde. "I accept what the government is doing—if this is the price for peace," she says. She and her husband came here from Tel Aviv two years ago. "We wanted to build something, and my husband—who has a beach cafe—wanted to be independent."

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World News

DESPITE JAMMING BY SOVIETS, VOICE OF ISRAEL BROADCASTS HOPE INTO RUSSIA

israel today

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

While the Russians have long since stopped jamming the Voice of America, the BBC and other Western stations beaming broadcasts to the Soviet Union, they still spend a great deal of time and money trying to prevent the Jerusalem-based Voice of Israel from being heard inside the USSR.

This jamming, carried out with powerful, ultra-modern equipment, is particularly effective in the cities with large Jewish populations like Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, but even there Israeli broadcasts occasionally slip through cracks in the Iron Curtain.

Indeed it was from the Jerusalem station that many Russian Jews (and non-Jews) first learned about the death of Golda Meir and the awarding of a Nobel Peace Prize to Menachem Begin, because news of this sort is often withheld by the Soviet media, or presented late and in a distorted manner.

For example, even when the Russian papers finally reported on Mrs. Meir's death, several days after the event, they depicted her as a shameless warmonger and avoided mentioning that she had served as Israel's first ambassador to the Soviet Union, perhaps because her arrival had sparked off the resurgence of Jewish consciousness which eventually led to large-scale Jewish emigration from the USSR.

Yet despite this exodus, some 2,500,000 Jews still remain in the Soviet Union, and Israel Radio does its best to reach them with broadcasts that run from 5:45 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. And not only does it address them in Russian, but also in Yiddish, Georgian, Judeo-Tati (the language of the Mountain Jews of Azerbaijan and Daghestan), and Bukharian (spoken by some Jews in Central Asia).

For the most part, programs are informal in structure, avoiding the kind of propagandistic approach to which Soviet citizens are only too accustomed. Thus Chana Shori, who is on the air twice a week, may tell what her son is studying in school or how she is preparing for the next round of holidays, without forgetting to note that rising prices have forced her to cut down on food purchases and to buy her husband a less expensive present than she had originally planned.

Moreover, she also informs listeners of the many problems faced by Russian immigrants as they adjust, often painfully, to a new way of life in a new country.

This honest, personalized approach seems to be effective, as evidenced by the fact that many newcomers from the Soviet Union immediately ask to meet with their "old friend" Chana, and then often return to her for help when they have difficulty finding an apartment, a job, or a husband.

Local and regional politics are likewise discussed by the broadcasters, but one subject is absolutely taboo—Soviet internal policies, in order to prevent complaints about Israeli interference in this sensitive sphere.

But the Russian authorities clearly regard any broadcasts from Israel, which by their very nature strengthen links between Soviet Jews and their brethren elsewhere, as interference in Soviet internal affairs.

(Religious News Service photo)

U.S. Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. of New York helps Soviet Jews unload their luggage as they disembark from train in Orte, Italy. Railroad crossing is used by HIAS as a transfer point for Russian Jews en route to their final destinations in the West. Fish was in Italy attending a conference.

Yeshiva U. elects Vineberg

Philip Vineberg

NEW YORK CITY —

Canadian attorney, civic leader and educator, Philip F. Vineberg, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University in New York City, it was announced by Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Cardozo board. He is the first Canadian to be elected to the Cardozo board.

"We have elected Mr. Vineberg to our board in recognition of his exemplary standing in the legal and academic community, and for his dedication and service to the Jewish community," stated Abram, "and I am certain he will make a significant contribution towards advancing the study of law."

Vineberg has been a member of the Montreal law firm of Phillips and Vineberg since 1939. He received his bachelor's, master's and bachelor of civil law degrees from McGill University. He also studied at the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris from 1935-36. Mr. Vineberg has held professorships and lectured in economics, political science, commercial and corporate law, and taxation at Sir George Williams University, McGill University, and various other universities in Canada and the United States.

In 1967 he received the Canadian Centenary Medal, and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1974. He has served as an economic consultant on the War Time Price & Trade Board, Ottawa, 1942-46; as a member of the Federal Conciliation Board dealing with railway wages and working conditions, 1958 and 1960; and organized the annual "Juinees d'etudes fiscales" at Universite de Montreal.

Among his many distinguished positions in government, law and the community are: chairman, Board of Governors of the Canadian Tax Foundation, 1966-67; bar of Quebec vice-chairman executive committee 1969-70; former director of Jewish General Hospital, and the Montreal Israel Bond Committee; Fellow and president of the Canadian Board of Overseers, Bar-Ilan University; director of the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal, and the Canadian Friends of Technion University; member of the Quebec Branch Council of Christians and Jews, and many other civic organizations.

Israel expresses desire to resume negotiations

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Israel has expressed its readiness to hold further negotiations with Egypt and with the United States on several key still-disputed issues in the stalled peace treaty negotiations.

In a Cabinet communique plainly designed to prompt Washington into renewed efforts to resume the talks, Israel announced its willingness to negotiate further on Article IV of the draft peace treaty (the "review clause") and also on the "side letter" setting out modalities for creation of Palestine autonomy. There was also an expression of readiness to discuss with the U.S. the interpretation of the vexed —and crucially important —Article VI (issue of priority) of the draft treaty.

But in every case, the Cabinet reiterated Israel's position, originally enunciated by the Cabinet on Dec. 15—after Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's unsuccessful shuttle mission to the area. Premier Menachem Begin, reading out the decision yesterday, stressed that the Cabinet was reiterating the previous decision (of Dec. 15) "in all its parts." That decision listed all of the Egyptian demands, which were effectively endorsed by Vance, and specifically rejected them.

The Cabinet decision last week was immediately conveyed to Washington and Israeli officials said they now expected the U.S. to step up its efforts to get the talks restarted. The decision was supported by 14 ministers.

Israel Radio said that Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Minister-Without-Portfolio Chaim Landau did not take part in the vote and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon abstained.

Red MK banned

JERUSALEM —

Charlie Biton, the Knesset representative of the pro-Moscow Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, has been banned from attending the next five Knesset sessions. This punishment was meted out for his unprecedented act of handcuffing himself to the Knesset rostrum microphones during a debate on Prisoners of Zion in the Soviet Union.

Biton demanded that the Knesset drop this subject from the agenda and discuss the conditions of prisoners in Israel instead. His parliamentary secretary is in jail pending a murder trial.

When the session chairman called him to order, Biton pulled out large handcuffs from his pocket and chained himself to the microphone, amid an uproar.

Hebrew University library gets its first Sabra director

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

For the first time, the Jewish National and University Library at the Hebrew University has a director who is a Sabra. Dr. Malachi Beit-Arie, at 41, assumes one of the most important posts in the Jewish scholarly and educational world at the beginning of the new year in succession to Prof. Reuven Yaron who has taken over the chairmanship of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Born in Petah Tikvah, Dr. Beit-Arie is himself a Hebrew University graduate and a lecturer at the Graduate Library Studies School. A specialized palaeographer (a student of ancient modes of writing) he is also director of the library's institute of micro-filmed Hebrew manuscripts, an important enterprise dedicated to assembling copies of all exstant Hebrew manuscripts.

His scholarly successes in the codicology field in working out systems for identifying untitled Hebrew manuscripts have won him international reknown not only with Jewish palaeographers but scholars in the broader field of Latin palaeography.

The library which he directs is approaching the centenary of its inception, having been founded in 1884 by a group of Jerusalem scholars, thereafter being taken over by the World Zionist Organization in 1920, and integrated into the Hebrew University in 1925. Since then, unlike most other national libraries, it has had to perform two central and often contradictory roles as national and main university library.

Dr. Beit-Arie hopes to restore the centrality of the library in Jewish intellectual and educational life not only for Israel, but the whole Jewish world. Much of the earlier drive of the fast-burgeoning institution (now numbering well over 2 million volumes) as a seminal force has been dissipated in recent years because of its varying commitments.

Concern conveyed by Dayan over EEC

BRUSSELS [JTA] —

Israel's concern over developments in the European Economic Community (EEC) were expressed by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in meetings with EEC foreign ministers here, prior to his talks with Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Israel is worried about the pending entry into the EEC of Spain, Portugal, and Greece which export many of the same products that Israel sells. As full members, they will enjoy the same tariff benefits as Israel and could offer stiff and possibly unfair competition. Last year, Israel's trade deficit with the EEC member states amounted to $1 billion and it is feared that the new competition would further reduce Israel's exports. Moreover, Spain and Greece do not have full diplomatic relations with Israel but would participate in the formulation of EEC policy on the Middle East.

Dayan met here with the outgoing chairman of the EEC, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. He promised Dayan that the EEC authorities would meet with Israel experts to try to solve these difficulties and that the member-states would do "their best" to convince Spain and Greece to establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

Wage strike ends

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Some 300,000 high-school students returned to their classrooms for the first time in 43 days as their teachers ended a strike for higher wages. The 39-member National Teachers Council decided, by majority vote, to end their seven-week walkout apparently on the basis of a promise by Menachem Begin that he would do his best to gain cabinet approval of the recommendations of a committee of experts studying the teachers' demands.

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EXCLUSIVE ISRAEL PASSOVER TOUR '79

TORONTO —

David Freudmann, President of James Vance Travel has recently returned from a trip to Israel. While there, he was fortunate enough in spite of intense competition to reserve space for Passover at 3 of Israel's finest 5 Star hotels — The Jerusalem Hilton, The Canadian Pacific Tiberias Plaza and The New Tel Aviv Sheraton. Mr. Freudmann has arranged a unique and exclusive tour in conjunction with the reservations he made. This tour departs Toronto via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines on Sunday, April 8, 1979 and returns on Tuesday, April 24th.

The itinerary in Israel is as follows: April 9 — 16, The Jerusalem Hilton; April 16 — 20, Plaza Tiberias; April 20 — 24, Sheraton Tel Aviv.

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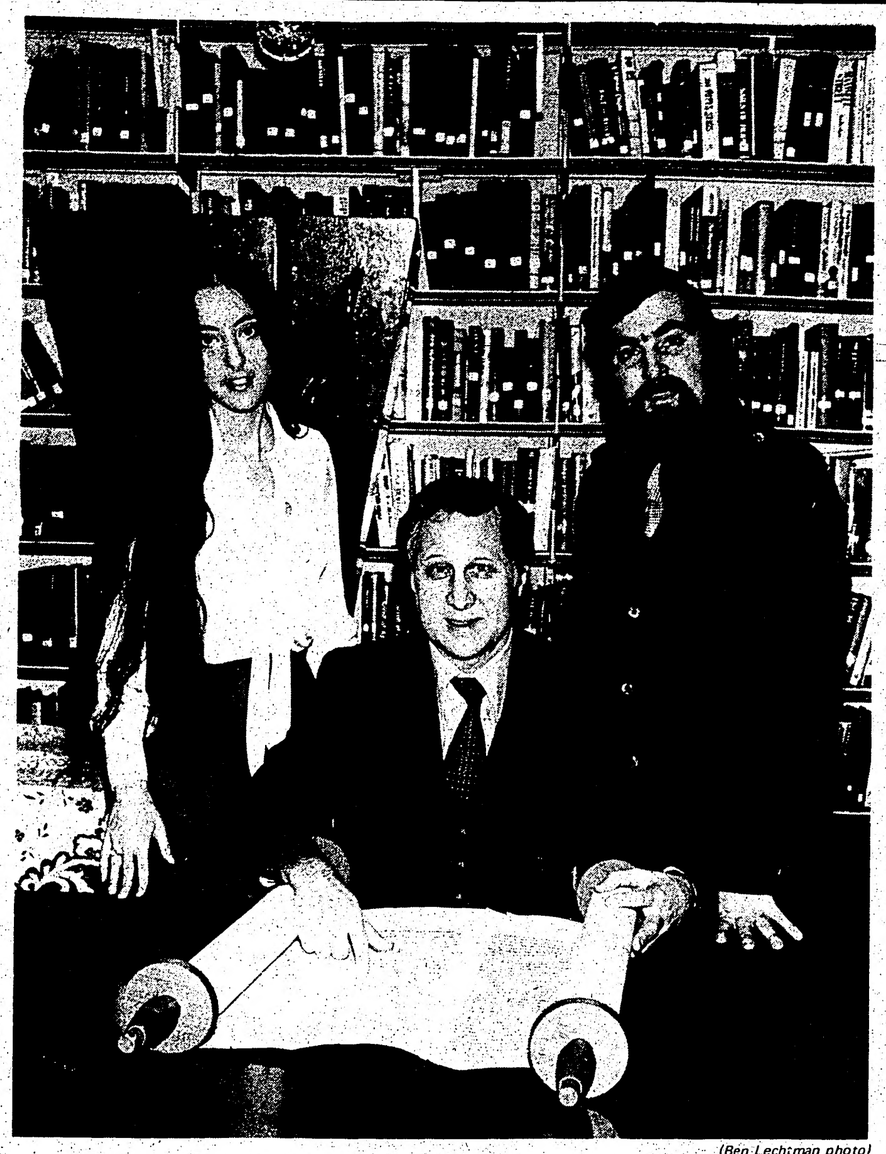

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Jody Sufrin, 23, and Ron Grainer, 33, are studying at Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music. Pointing to portion is Cantor Sheldon Merrill of Holy Blossom Temple. The course is a five-year one.

Jody Sufrin, Ron Grainer study for cantorial careers

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Jody Sufrin, 23, and Ron Grainer, 33, comprise the Canadian contingent of those who are learning to make beautiful—and sacred—music together.

They are two of the seven students enrolled in the first year of a five-year cantorial course at Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music.

Miss Sufrin, who is also one of the three women in her class, told The CJN that she has always been involved in singing. "I have loved music ever since I can remember," she said. "I started into liturgical music five years ago as a lay cantor for the Holy Blossom Temple. Last year, I sang in St. Catharines with Canada's first woman rabbi, Vicki Hollander, at the Congregation Temple Tikvah."

She says there are now about five women cantors in Reform synagogues across the United States. "I had a job with the first woman cantor, Barbara Ostfeld, in Great Neck, New York. It was very exciting."

Grainer was studying on a scholarship at the University of Toronto conservatory of music eight years ago when he was invited by Ben Steinberg, Holy Blossom's music director at the time, to be an auxiliary cantor for the synagogue's High Holy Day services. His connection to liturgical music was nurtured by Sheldon Merrill, Holy Blossom's cantor. At the time, he was also with the Canadian Opera Company chorus and with the Festival Singers, doing radio and TV work.

Merrill himself was in the school's second graduating class, in 1952. He is currently president of the Toronto Council of Cantors. Grainer spent four years in Israel, three of them as cantor in Jerusalem's Har-El Temple. Last year he married a South African girl, Gallia, his wife, served with the Israeli Air Force.

Grainer received a full grant and partial scholarship from the Toronto Council of Cantors. Miss Sufrin received a small grant from Temple Sinai.

CJC functions not easy, says current president

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have now been president of Canadian Jewish Congress for a year and a half, and only recently have I begun to comprehend the complexities of our national community and the vast extent of its tasks.

The concerns of Congress are local, national, and international. They encompass everything that touches Israel, including the sponsorship of the Canada-Israel Committee, and its highly technical and complicated activities in the realm of public relations and politics. It has committees (with full or part-time professionals to staff them) on Jewries in Soviet Russia, Arab lands, and South America.

We participate in the sessions of the World Jewish Congress in North America and abroad, and our representatives sit on the boards of the Memorial Foundation, the Claims Conference (which deals with Nazi restitution) and inter-religious dialogue committees in foreign countries. We make representations to the Germans about the Statute of Limitations and will involve our communities in a full-scale campaign, and we talk to the Poles about the Jewish Pavillion in Auschwitz.

We sent our executive vice-president to counsel with Canada's delegation to the Belgrade conference, where he made an outstanding contribution to Canadian and international policy.

At home we are involved in every aspect of Jewish life. We deal with Jewish education and teachers' seminaries; with Kashrut; with discrimination in its manifold varieties; with civil rights and bogus nationalist parties; with the Jewish condition in Quebec; and —where we have merged with the welfare funds as in Toronto and Winnipeg—with the complex apparatus of fund raising.

We have a special department that deals with our Francophone Jewish community and our relationship to the French-Canadian sector. The majority often is unaware of its own minorities so close at hand. We complain about this to others but we ourselves must confront the implications of our own internal diversities. This is especially true for our department on religious affairs which, operating in a highly sensitive area, has managed to join different groups together in a variety of common efforts.

To the federal and provincial governments we have always been, and continue to be, the official voice of Canadian Jewry in all matters that affect the health of Canada and its components, amongst whom we have played an enviably important role. We have had our differences with government but have always maintained a dialogue of frankness which aimed at co-operation. We are part of the political process and not outside of it.

The past, too, is important to us. We have a committee on archives which collects the treasures of Canadian Jewry of the years gone by and, through the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, publishes a journal and helps to arrange for stationary or traveling exhibitions.

We concern ourselves with war criminals not only in Germany but in Canada as well, and we are currently investigating whether in fact we can at last bring those people who now live in security amongst us to the halls of justice.

We are a far-flung organization and operate differently in different provinces. We are a democratic organization which every three years elects its leadership. Democratic we are—but I think not democratic enough. Therefore, this coming May we hope to have a special assembly which will be asked to revise our constitution so that it may reflect more adequately the needs of our time. For ultimately we must be seen to represent the 300,000 Jews of Canada.

CJC Pacific Region men are honored

VANCOUVER — Two honorary members of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region, received national recognition recently. Joseph H. Cohen is among the six British Columbia residents to receive the Order of Canada, and chief justice of the B.C. Supreme Court, Nathan Nemetz, has been elevated to chief justice of the B.C. Court of Appeals.

The Order of Canada, created in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievements and service in most fields of human endeavor, will be presented in a ceremony next spring. Cohen was made a member of the order.

Nemetz has served in various judicial appointments over the years in British Columbia. His newest position places him at the head of the British Columbia Court of Appeals.

Both men have given years of service to the Jewish and the general community.

Two sisters testify against former Nazis

By BARB SILVERMAN

TORONTO — Two sisters spent a week in Dusseldorf, West Germany, last month testifying at the trial of former Nazi guards who were at Majdanek, a Nazi concentration camp in Poland, 35 years ago, and are accused of being former tormentors of thousands of Jews.

Mrs. Mira Awronski and Mrs. Leah Givner, both of Toronto, relived the harrowing experiences of a World War II concentration camp as witnesses in West Germany's longest running war crimes trial, now in its fourth year.

During an interview in her home, Mrs. Awronski said at first when asked to testify she really didn't want to go, but later felt it her duty as a Jew to identify, if she could, the people she called 'killers without emotion.' She said it was an awful, painful, strenuous and nerve-wracking experience, and one she would never want to go through again. "I couldn't stand to hear the German language being spoken."

Mrs. Awronski said that the satisfaction of identifying their Nazi tormentors could never compensate for the loss of her family who died in concentration camps. "Whatever punishment they get, it's not enough for what happened in the past," she said.

Altogether, the two sisters recognized four of the 14 accused of murdering countless numbers of Jews. Of the four, they both recalled one person who stood out the most back in the concentration camp days. Her name is Mrs. Hildegard Laechert, 57, whom Mrs. Awronski said they called Bloody Brigitta, because, 'she said, "Brigitta liked to see blood. She had a German shepherd that she treated like a human, and she called the prisoners the dogs."

Mrs. Leachert alone, is accused of 1,183 murders. Mrs. Awronski said that although 'Brigitta' has aged considerably and is now 'ugly and fat,' she had no trouble recognizing her. "If Brigitta doesn't get a just punishment for all she's done in the past then all the money and effort the German government has spent was a waste," Mrs. Awronski said.

The most important thing, she said, is for people never to stop hunting Nazi killers, as she referred to them. There are so many hidden in countries around the world; they are such war criminals, and not in jail. Being free like they are is not fair to us; it's upsetting to see. They should be in jail where they belong.

Mrs. Awronski and Mrs. Givner first testified about their experiences in hearings before the German consul in Canada five years previous to the trial, and were asked a few months ago to testify at the trial in Dusseldorf.

The two wartime prisoners at Mojdanek, one of four camps in which they were imprisoned for nearly three months after being taken from their homes in Poland.

"I hope to G-d they'll never stop hunting the Nazis, because at least this way they are in hiding and won't come out," Mrs. Awronski said. "The people in today's generation could never withstand the consequences of a strengthened Nazi party in our country. They could never go through what we had to, and survive it."

Optimistic view given of world's oil supply

By BARB SILVERMAN

TORONTO — Despite the Carter administration's contention, the world will not face an oil shortage by 1985, says New York City economist Arnold Safer.

Dr. Safer, speaking to a group of Jewish students and young adults at a Network-Canada conference at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, said that if world supplies of oil run short in the next 20-25 years, it will be due to the politics of oil conflicting with its economic and engineering requirements.

He said that the control and supply of the price of oil is the key to the problems we face, but one that can be changed. "According to geologists, the recoverable oil reserves around the world are vastly in excess of what the world will need for several decades."

Safer suggested that the mechanism by which oil is imported today should be changed to try and obtain better commercial terms for oil imports. The most widely known proposal for alerting the oil import mechanism, he said, is a plan that involves a system of secret bidding for the right to sell foreign oil in the U.S.

In this way, an oil company, an OPEC government, or anyone else who might have foreign oil to sell, would have to submit a sealed bid, creating the possibility of having one OPEC country secretly competing with the other.

Although Safer said he believes that a temporary physical oil shortage will exist in the U.S. only, he predicted that it will last only for a decade.

He gave such examples as the new oil supplies discovered in the North Sea, Alaska and Mexico, and predicted that within the next three months there will be an excess supply in the oil market. To alleviate this, Safer suggested either OPEC setting up a centralized allocation system or lowering prices, as an attempt to stimulate demand for the excess.

But, he added, any attempt to confront OPEC's monopoly would upset European countries and could be destabilizing to Mideast politics.

Safer said, the U.S. government will not attempt to dilute the price-setting powers of the OPEC cartel.

Founder of Betar passes

TORONTO — Shlomo Perla, 67, one of the founders of Betar, the forerunner of the Herut Hatzohar, died of a heart attack recently. A graduate in international law from Warsaw University, he spent five years in a Polish prison because of his Zionist activities.

After his emigration to Canada in 1960, Perla worked as a self-employed public accountant. He was active on the national executive of Herut Hatzohar. Perla was a personal friend of Prime Minister Begin; the two having attended university together.

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The 1978-79 budget of Toronto Jewish Congress shows an allocation of $625,000 for the financial assistance program operated by the Jewish Family & Child Service. This is about $100,000 more than was spent last year and reflects a sharply increased draw on the fund during the past few months.

It is no surprise, of course, that the demand for financial assistance from the community is increasing. Inflation and unemployment are taking their toll and more and more people are unable to sustain themselves. They are part of a growing "middle-class" poor—the elderly on fixed incomes, the single parent, the unemployed university graduate whose skills are not saleable in a shrinking job market, the handicapped and others in trouble financially. Many of them turn to the community for help in paying for such basics as shelter, food, clothing, and transportation because the cost of being Jewish and living in a Jewish area imposes an extra financial load.

Funds for the financial assistance program come from the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign and this is just one of the many reasons why all who are able should support the campaign to the fullest.

Also in the budget are allocations for immigrant relief through Canadian Jewish Congress and JIAS. But the current budget doesn't tell the whole story. There is growing evidence that Russia is letting out greatly increased numbers of Jews before the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and about 3,000 are expected in Canada—mainly in Toronto. The new arrivals will be the responsibility of the community and UJA funds will pay the bill.

So when the UJA canvasser calls, please respond promptly and generously. Be grateful that you are not one of the thousands of Jews in Israel and at home who needs help. Be thankful that you are one of the fortunates able to help.

Israel and Iran

Shapour Bakhtiar, Iran's latest premier, has declared that his new government will not sell oil to Israel in the future. A few weeks ago, Ayatollah Komeini, the exiled religious leader in Paris, indicated his country should blacklist Israel. For Israel, the changed climate in Iran is menacing and troublesome.

As long as the autocratic Shah wielded the heavy hand of power in his divided land, Israel was assured of a steady oil supply. Now, with the Shah on the verge of "going on a vacation" abroad, Israel may have to look elsewhere for the petroleum that supplies its industry and military establishment.

At the present moment, Israel buys some 70% of its oil from Iran, a Moslem, non-Arabic country that has been ruled by the Shah and his family for close to 60 years. In his clumsy attempt to modernize Iran, a pitifully backward country, the Shah alienated the powerful mullahs and the progressive secular opposition, both of whom are lukewarm or hostile to Israel. It is thus no coincidence that Mr. Bakhtiar, in one of his first policy statements, said that Israel — and South Africa — would not be permitted to purchase Iranian oil until the Middle Est conflict is solved to Tehran's satisfaction.

The developments in Iran may affect, ironically enough, the stalled peace talks between Israel and Egypt.

For the last few months, Israeli and Egyptian negotiators have haggled over the Sinai oilfields, which provide Israel with much needed petroleum. Israel, of course, has agreed to relinquish the Sinai in return for a formal peace treaty. By the same token, however, Israel has asked Egypt for preferential treatment in the purchase of Sinai oil. Egypt has been non-commital on this crucial point.

In the light of events in Iran, Israel would not be unjustified in linking an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty with a guaranteed supply of Sinai oil. Realistically, though, such a demand might sour the atmosphere of the talks.

Without jeopardizing a peace treaty, Israel may decide to buy more Mexican or Venezuelan oil, or ask the United States to live up to its 1975 agreement to cover any shortfall. A spokesman in Jerusalem, responding to Mr. Bakhtiar's statement, told the Associated Press that a decision by Iran to cut off oil deliveries had been expected and that measures had been taken to deal with the possibility. Does that mean that Israel has found other sources, or that the United States has invoked its agreement with Israel? We may never know.

Oil notwithstanding, the troubles in Iran will further isolate Israel in the Islamic world, and perhaps endanger the continuity of the ancient Jewish community there. The prospect of an Iran bent on Islamic solidarity will surely work against Israel's interests in the region and undermine the confidence of the nation's 80,000 Jews.

The downfall of the Shah could very well set in motion a process that will deeply affect Israel and Persian Jewry.

The change in Spain

Spain's new constitution has been approved in a nation-wide referendum. For the small Jewish community, this is heartening news, one more step toward full emancipation and equality.

The constitution contains 169 articles and one of them, Article 16, guarantees religious liberty both for individuals and communities. The clause also states that no individual shall be obliged to declare his religion, ideology, or beliefs.

The document in question appears to mark the successful conclusion of a 30-year struggle by Spanish Jewry to achieve equality. Under the old Franco regime, only Roman Catholics were favored in the eyes of Providence. Protestants, being heretics and dissenters, were also assigned a place in purgatory.

While the constitution does not separate church and state, as in the U.S., it calls upon government to take into consideration the religious beliefs of Spanish society. In practice, this means that Spanish authorities are expected to maintain close, co-operative relations with the Catholic church and other recognized religions.

The constitution, in the opinion of experts, thus lays the groundwork for government aid to religious educational institutions. It would indeed be ironic if Spain were to allocate funds for the furtherance of Jewish education.

Spain's Jewish community numbers only 12,000, a trickle in a sea of 37 million Christian Spaniards. But now, after several hundred years, this community—which was harassed, persecuted, burned at the stake and expelled during the Inquisition—has been recognized as an entity entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Catholics.

It is a felicitous occasion, not only for Jews, but for Spain as well.

Jews and cults

"People who believe in absurdities," said Voltaire, "can end up committing atrocities." But even that French philosopher might have had trouble conjuring up the kind of atrocity visited upon the 900 followers of Rev. Jimmy Jones.

The sad fate of so many misguided souls has focused much needed attention on one of the most disturbing phenomena in modern society, the cults. The Jonestown debacle shows that unscrupulous people, mouthing high-minded slogans are capable of deforming healthy personalities to the point where even suicide becomes an option.

The Jewish community like the public at large is alarmed by the spectacle of a Jonestown. It is a well known fact that a disproportionate number of Jewish youngsters are associated with many of the new "religions."

A recent issue of Sh'ma magazine, an independent journal of Jewish thought, carried a report by a Reform rabbi recounting how Jews for Jesus had actually infiltrated leadership training camps sponsored by his movement.

The B'nai B'rith Monthly features in its current issue, an article about an intelligent young Jewish woman who was persuaded by the followers of Rev. Moon to become an active missionary for the Korean "messiah" and to abandon her religious and family ties.

These two incidents represent merely the tip of the iceberg. The unreported defections from Judaism mount into the thousands.

The Ontario government has given serious consideration to setting up an inquiry body to investigate the activities of the cults. The government has been duly concerned, however, with traditional respect for religious beliefs and is loath to interfere in this gray area of personal conduct.

It is clear most Jewish youngsters succumbing to the lure of the cults are Jewishly ignorant. They are mostly the products of families whose Judaism is a peripheral element. Looking for commitment to a higher ideal than that to which they have been exposed in their family environment, they are easy prey for the smooth talking purveyors of instant salvation.

It is platitudinous to suggest that the antidote is a solid Jewish education backed by a warm family atmosphere.

It is also the only answer.

Is there any difference between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism?

RACISME-RACISM

A poster used by the Mouvement Quebecois pour Combattre le Racisme. The author asks whether there is a difference between Zionism and anti-Semitism. No, she declares.

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By RITA EISENDRATH

Is it "anti-Zionism" or is it "anti-Semitism"?

Is there a difference?

While we discuss the effects of the Holocaust, are we ignoring what is happening in the world around us?

"Kristallnacht" has a special significance to me. It was not only the night of terror in Nazi-dominated Germany. It was also, five years ago, the night on which my husband died, a night on which a close rabbinic friend, who had survived that night in Germany, was to have given a memorial to those who witnessed its terrors, a memorial which turned into a eulogy for a beloved colleague.

I am not an alarmist, but my life experience has taught me to be a realist, to see the signs and be aware of their potential danger.

In England, the visible sign is the National Front Party. In the United States, it is the return to visibility of the Ku Klux Klan. Is there a difference? I fear the goals are the same.

When my husband returned from Hitler's Germany in the early thirties, he and a group of clergymen of all denominations traveled across Canada to tell the story—Hitler's story—and the possible threat it posed for the world. No one believed them.

Today, in England, the National Front has become a powerful political party, challenging the London and suburban elections last year to become the third, after Labor and Conservative . . . ahead of Liberal.

Today, the Western Guard in Ontario, now renamed the Nationalist Party, is trying to do the same, with 10,000 names (many forged), to gain a place on the ballot in the next election.

Today, in most of Western Europe, in the Scandinavian countries, in Turkey, in Australia and New Zealand, and in much of Latin America, sprouts of neo-Nazism appear. Much of its literature stems from England, some of it from the U.S., of all places, Lincoln, Nebraska. But it is real. It is there. It is viable and it is terribly frightening.

The recent expose on public television in this country of the renascence of "The Klan," reiterates, word for word, the ideology of the neo-Nazi movement of the National Front in England. Surely it is no coincidence that these two racist groups have become overtly strengthened in the same period of time.

David Drake, the present spokesman for the KKK, blatantly blames "Catholic immigrants and Jewish financiers" for the economic problems of the U.S. In Long Beach, California, Tom Metzger, the organizer there, claims blacks and Jews are responsible for all revolutions. "Send the Jews to Israel," he says, as does John Tyndall, leader of the National Front, who proclaims: "Those who wish to remain and integrate, and not cause trouble, have nothing to fear from us. But we understand all Jews wish to go to Israel. We will not discourage them."

Both groups sponsor racial hatred. Both dislike "minorities." Both glorify a pure, white society as their objective.

Is there a difference?

Nazi crimes must not ever be forgotten

By F. SACHSER

In a petition to the German Federal Parliament in Bonn, numerous West German democratic organizations, including the Coordinating Council of Associations for Christian-Jewish Co-opetation; the permanent Christian-Jewish Commission of the German Evangelical Church, and groups of Nazi victims, have asked for the abolition of the Statute of Limitations to ensure the future prosecution of Nazi criminals.

Members of the Social Democratic faction in the Federal Parliament have disclosed plans to introduce a bill demanding the abolition of the statute for murder. Several members of the Free Democratic faction, as well as of the Christian Democratic Opposition Party, have already announced their support of the move. But other groups of both the Government and Opposition parties have already made it clear that they would vote against the abolition of the statute.

Political observers are not sure whether those supporting the abolition will ever find a parliamentary majority. Among those who are against the opening of new proceedings against Nazi criminals after 1979 are the chairman of the Christian Democratic Union, Helmut Kohl, as well as the head of the Free Democratic Party, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The West German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, addressing foreign press correspondents said with respect to the prosecution of Nazi crimes that over a year remained to clarify the problem of limitation in Parliament. One should not ignore the fact that full prosecution would also be possible after 1979 in all known cases of Nazi crimes where investigations had been initiated by that date, he said. Thus, a Nazi criminal whose crimes would come to light next year, and against whom legal action was then initiated, could be prosecuted until the year 2009 before the statute would become effective in his case.

rest silently. The crimes of the Nazis were so horrendous that they must not be allowed to be forgotten until the end of time.

Naftali Feder of Mapam pointed out that it was estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 Nazi criminals had been directly responsible for the deaths of 12 million people, among them six million Jews. But since the end of the war only some 35,000 had been prosecuted.

Striving strenuously beyond the Knesset to ensure that the statute is rescinded is Tuvia Friedman, director of the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre in Haifa. He complains that if the law does go into force it will enable at least 100,000 Nazi criminals, whom he estimates to be still untried in Germany itself, to come out of concealment.

Social Democrats to offer bill

The chancellor appealed to all foreign states holding documents on Nazi crimes to provide all the material they have to the West German legal authorities. Schmidt also said that he was strictly against a new denazification wave in this country. In connection with recent criticism concerning the former Nazi Party membership of President Scheel, and the president of the Federal parliament, Karl Carstens, the chancellor said he could see nothing incriminating in this fact. He pointed out that even the Western powers had never condemned the mere nominal membership of the Nazi Party.

The Knesset has been discussing this issue, and is likely to have a full debate shortly. During preliminary discussions, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir declared that "Limitation" and "Genocide" are mutually expressive terms. The Knesset is endeavoring to persuade the West German Government to repeal the statute, writes the Jewish Chronicle Jerusalem correspondent, Yoram Kessel.

Mordechai Wirshubski, a Centrist member of the Knesset, declared that if the statute was actually applied to Nazi crimes it would be to put them on to the same plane as ordinary crimes and would accelerate the process of "forgetting and blurring" that awful period in Germany.

He said he favored normal relations with Germany, but on this point Israel could not

Letters to the Editor

'Article contravenes every rule in book'

Mr. Jacobovici's article ("Media distorts Mid-East realities") contravenes just about every rule in the book. First, he accuses the media of creating truth and then proceeds to attempt to emulate them by offering his "opinions" as the "real truth." The fact that I happen to agree with most of these individual opinions is immaterial; what matters in any rational dialogue between reasonable people is that arguments are not couched in terms of absolutes. Failure to accept Mr. Jacobovici's concept of reality appears, for him, to constitute distortion of the "the truth."

Second, in the course of his whole article, he refers specifically to only one (non-Canadian) publication while suggesting that "the media" in general are equally guilty. In fact, some of his generalizations are so sweeping, they border on the fantastic.

For example: "Sadat sat back and watched the media undo Camp David." Images are conjured up of late night meetings of journalists and editors, the hatching of nefarious plots, a giant conspiracy!

Finally, Mr. Jacobovici falls into the trap which any supposed expert would avoid; he uses criticism as an emotional release rather than as a valuable tool for presenting rational and thought-provoking arguments and eliciting careful and thoughtful responses. Naturally, one should not eschew vigorous representations when these are merited and the Canada-Israel Committee has never hesitated to castigate the guilty when the facts are clear.

Nick Simmonds,
Director of Communications,
Canada-Israel Committee

Involve children

Because of the pressure on fund-raisers to meet goals, we concentrate on those that can help us meet these goals.

Children have no money, so their involvement is very limited. Thus we rob ourselves of the greatest human potential for the survival of our race.

Their parents write a cheque, insert it in an envelope and mail it with their other bills, little realizing that their children cannot identify with cheque-book charity. These children are robbed of a commitment that will keep them Jewish.

We have much to learn from Russian Jewish parents. Without teachers, books or UJA they managed to transmit their Jewish heritage to their children.

Our fund-raising organizations should take a good look at their failed responsibility towards the young.

Fund-raising is a heavy responsibility, but raising Jewish consciousness is equally important.

We are paying the price of our neglect, nor should we be satisfied by laying the blame elsewhere.

To ensure our survival we need children with a good Jewish self-image. Don't leave the children out of the fund-raising process.

Mollie Posen,
Toronto

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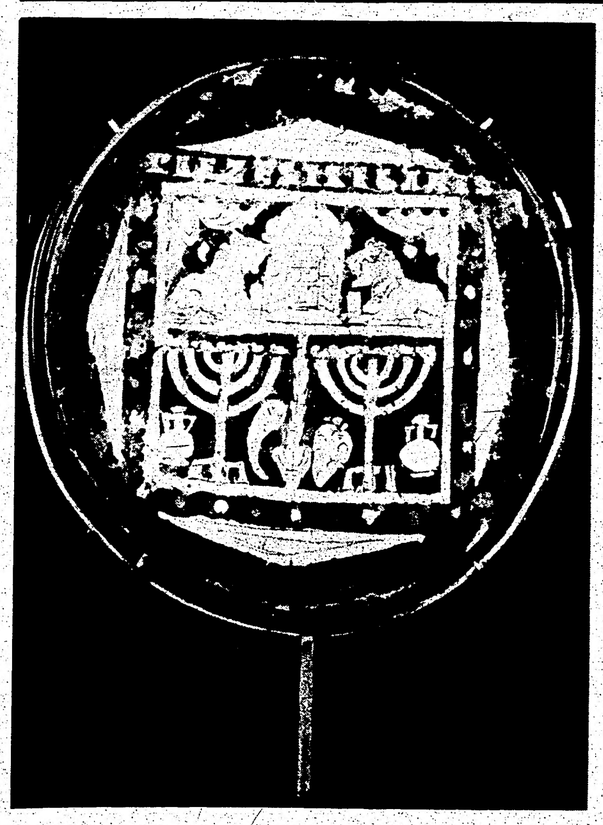

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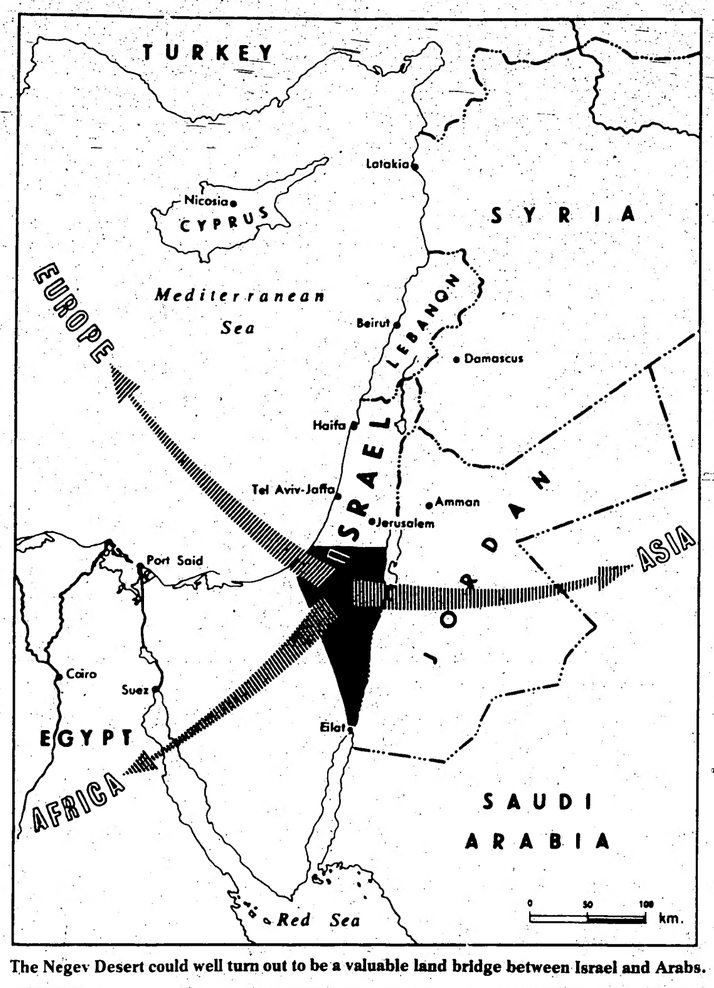
THE STORY OF OUR PEOPLE

Noted American author Chaim Potok has written a new book called "Wanderings" — a panoramic study of the 4,000-year history of the Jews. A Jewish glass from the Roman period (left) is one of over 165 illustrations in the attractively bound book.

When the guns are stilled...

Negev expected to flourish in wake of peace



The Negev Desert could well turn out to be a valuable land bridge between Israel and Arabs.

Robert Kaplan sees the coming of peace between Israel and Egypt as revolutionizing the prospects and pushing the Negev to the forefront of Israel's development in the period ahead. — World Zionist Press Service.

By ROBERT KAPLAN

AVDAT —

Near this town in the Northern Negev, a garden is sprouting thanks to the Desert Research Institute of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva. The plants and flowers are receiving nourishment from an intricate canal network carrying rainwater to the garden from the upper slopes. But the credit for this irrigation system does not belong to the university scientists—2,000 years ago much of the Negev was a garden as a result of this method.

In the days of King Herod the Great, a people of Arab origin called Nabateans made the generally arid Negev bloom. The same thing may be about to happen today, not because of any specific development program but because of the new political era dawning in the Middle East. This is not to imply that Israelis have not been successful in reclaiming and populating the southern, desert region of the country, stretching from north of Beersheva to Eilat. They have been remarkably successful. But the success has been to some extent restricted due to a slew of other priorities in the past three decades.

Only six percent of Israelis live in the Negev region which constitutes two-thirds of pre-1967 Israeli territory. Only 10% of the capital investment has been directed there, compared to 33% up until 1965. But all this is about to change.

I'm not making a prognosis, merely drawing an inescapable conclusion. The effects of peace between Israel and Egypt will first be felt in the Negev. The entire southern branch of the Israel Defense Forces will be transferred from the Sinai Peninsula to the Negev. It is planned to relocate all the settlers now living in the Rafiah Approaches in the Negev. Millions of dollars will be poured into this desert region to build civilian settlements and troop facilities, and the effect may be felt through the entire economy of southern Israel, changing its pattern of life.

Beersheva, which in the past three decades has grown from a small development town to the nation's fourth largest city, could further develop into the crossroads of the Middle East, just as the Negev could be a land bridge between continents. A volunteer council, headed by Ben-Gurion University President Yosef Tekoah has proposed an international airport for the town that would support an associated aircrafts industry employing 15,000 local residents.

Not only Beersheva, but all the other development towns in the region would have to grow in an era of peace. Army personnel and military service businesses will be located in towns like Dimona, Yeroham and Mitzpe Ramon. And for the few years it will take to build these facilities, construction workers will also inhabit these places.

For years, these development towns experienced an inadequate rate of development. Even with mortgage incentives and other benefits, people from the north were generally reluctant to move to these places. As a result, pockets of poverty have grown up within them. In fact, places like Dimona and Yeroham are to be among the beneficiaries of the Jewish Agency's Project Renewal, a program designed to rejuvenate 160 poverty-stricken neighborhoods throughout the country in five years.

Within the new economic perspectives of the Negev, not only will the development towns further develop, but new ones will be built. A proposal has been made for the construction of five new Negev towns inhabited by 10,000 Israelis each. In addition, 100 new settlements, including 20 for the Rafiah residents, are on the drawing boards for the absorption of 100,000 newcomers into the region.

Even 100,000 is a conservative figure by some estimates. Prof. Haim Darin-Drabkin, a consultant to the United Nations on land policy, said recently that the Negev can potentially support a population of six million. A number of trial balloons have been floated regarding ways to reclaim the desert, so as to provide for the kind of population Prof. Darin-Drabkin has spoken about. One idea is a canal that would link the Dead Sea with the Mediterranean, feeding artificial lakes in the northern Negev that in turn would be the basis for power stations.

Jewish Agency settlement department chief Raanan Weitz said that with the use of the new 'drip-drop' irrigation method, the Negev could become the grain capital of the Middle East. Weitz implied that in the 1990s, a food crisis will replace the current energy crisis, and Negev grain could be as important as Arab oil for the world. Regarding oil, another idea local scientists have come up with is solar ponds in the Negev, growing a form of algae that can easily be converted into petroleum.

The nerve centre for all these brain storms will be the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. At the school's recent annual board of governors' conclave, Tekoah said his institution will be "the university of peace," referring to co-operation with Egyptian universities on desert development schemes.

One could go one step further and call the Negev the imminent "region of peace." For in the Negev peace may not be an abstract idea, but a power-house generating new currents of development with immediate, tangible benefits.

The gambling tables of Las Vegas are seen as no threat to Jewish life

By JUDY NOYEK

LAS VEGAS —

The Jewish community in this glittering, neon-lit gambling mecca is growing. For the affiliated Jews there are no gambles. The gaming tables do not threaten Jewish life. Viewed as an industry, it provides a guaranteed income for Las Vegas residents, Jews included.

"Jewish children growing up here do not experience the forbidden fruit syndrome of children whose parents come here to gamble," says Leo Wilner, executive director of Conservative Temple Beth Sholom.

While gambling doesn't worry Wilner or Rabbi Stephen Weisberg of Reform Congregation Ner Tamid, they are concerned about the city's limited exposure to Jewish culture. Both are hopeful that, as the Jewish community continues to increase, the cultural lag will decrease.

The growth of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in the past 10 years, from 800 students to the present enrolment of 9,000, has probably done in small measure, culturally, what the "strip" has done economically for the city. As a result, increased numbers of Jewish youth remain here for higher education, and have increased the campus Hillel membership 10 fold in three years.

The focal meeting place for organized Jewish life is Temple Beth Sholom and its adjoining Jewish Community Centre. Founded in 1948, and commanding a view of seemingly painted desert mountains, the synagogue has 820 member families. In addition to its own Hebrew School and Hebrew High School, Beth Sholom houses the city's only Hebrew day school which goes through grade seven.

Clergy and teachers are usually recruited from the University of Judaism (west coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary), and Yeshiva University, both in Los Angeles. Wilner explained that Israelis also fill teaching positions and constitute considerable numbers in the Jewish community.

Although no up-to-date census is available, the total resident Jewish population is thought to be in excess of 10,000. The transient factor must be considered, but Wilner puts it into a positive perspective by explaining "if 50 new members join the shul, and 25 leave after one year, we still have increased our numbers."

Congregation Ner Tamid at present uses facilities at a local Episcopal church. Weisberg has led the congregation from its inception four years ago to its present membership of 260 families. He has not experienced any anti-Jewish feelings.

There is an affinity between Jew and non-Jew, according to Wilner. He speaks with genuine respect and warmth of the "beautiful relationship our synagogue has with the Methodist church across the street, and the various church groups who visit Beth Sholom on Shabbat."

Wilner responds to tourist inquiries about the daily minyan with encouragement to "pray now, play later." Despite his advice, he receives "crisis calls" from Jewish tourists who have gambled away their funds. He offers free use of the synagogue phone in these situations, but most visitors are too embarrassed to call friends or family for help. A temple fund is used to buy them bus tickets out of Las Vegas. Interestingly, Weisberg received more "crisis calls" from non-Jewish tourists who have unsuccessfully sought help from non-Jewish philanthropic sources in the city.

With the availability and popularity of "instant marriages" in Nevada, requests for instant Jewish marriages from visitors reach Wilner's office. "Only strictly kosher unions can be instantly solemnized at Beth Sholom," he states.

Jewish leaders in the city include business people, professionals, public officials, as well as operators and owners of several opulent casinos and hotels. The lifestyle of the Jewish community is low-key and informal. Focusing on family and friends gathering together, it is the antithesis of the artificiality most often thought of as the Las Vegas way of life.

Juiciest tidbits shared in shvitz with Uncle Eliezer

By J.B. SALSBERG

Thank heaven for my Uncle Eliezer and his buddies who form the blessed bunch of regulars that meet, rain, snow or shine, every Thursday night at their favorite shvitz.

They differ from all others who have become steam-bath addicts. Uncle Eliezer's old-timers enjoy the exhausting steam room ritual no less then others do. Like others my uncle's pals are convinced that a shnaps and a corned beef sandwich taste incomparably better in the recovery room, after the steam, than anywhere else in the world. But that's where their likeness to any other shvitz devotees ends.

Others either play a social game of cards or just take a pleasant snooze after being steamed and recharged with food and drink. But not the group that includes my good uncle, his loyal friends Mendle, Sam and all the others. They adhere to the old principle that you give unto the body what is its due and unto the spirit that is its supreme priority.

Guided by that principle my uncle's buddies remove the empty plates and bottles from the table in their reserved corner of the steam bath and engage in discussing matters of importance to Jews and Jewry.

While my uncle usually presides at such informal sessions it is Mendle and Sam who skilfully introduce the topic of the day. That's why they shine in the discussions because they, and they alone, come prepared with all relative facts that have a bearing on the subject to be discussed.

This time Mendle suggested, and all agreed, to discuss a series of puzzling Jewish "Believe it or not" happenings in our midst and that are, or should be, of some concern.

Mendle and Sam introduced the following, carefully researched Jewish believe it or not items.

First believe it or not: The grandparents were among the founders of a shul in our city. The grandmother spent some of her last days in the Toronto Jewish Home for the Aged.

One of her grandsons, a resident of Toronto, was recently married in London, England. The ceremony took place in the notorious Tower of London, where ancient British royalty imprisoned or beheaded each other. The grandson married into the English military elite (yichus); that's why the wedding took place in the Tower of London...

According to the press, the "society wedding" was solemnized by the chaplain royal of the Tower and the ceremony took place in the Chapel Royal.

(When Sam finished all members of the Thursday night shvitz regulars said, "uvah, uvah, uvah!")

Seccond believe it or not: The grandson of a most renowned Jewish scholar, rabbi and theological authority of early Reform Judaism in Germany died, not long ago, in Toronto.

The grandson played an historic role in the development of a prestigious branch of music in this country. Only a tiny handful of Toronto Jews knew of his genealogy and the grandson did actually accompany a friend to the synagogue on Yom Kippur a few times.

When he died, a few concerned Jews did privately offer the family all that was required for a traditional Jewish burial. But they were too late. Other "arrangements" had already been made.

(When Sam finished relating this Believe it or not, the Thursday nighters looked at each other wistfully, smiled sardonically and said "azoi!", meaning, odd, isn't it?...)

Third Believe it or not: The well known and highly respected Canadian newspaperman and regular contributor to the Canadian Jewish News, Charles Lazarus, (mainly in the Montreal edition of this paper) brought alarming news from Montreal. In the Dec. 7th issue of this paper (Montreal edition) he informed us of the following.

Lazarus tells us that the province of Quebec has a Sephardic, French speaking Jewish community of some 20,000. 85% of those relatively recent arrivals to Canada come from French speaking Morocco. Lazarus blunt statement is:

"The intermarriage rate of francophone Sephardic Jews, almost 85% of whom are of Moroccan origin, with French Canadians, is approximately 55%."

Could these figures be right? Yes, they seem to be right. Lazarus bases his article on information offered by no less an authority than Michel Chokron, the newly-elected head of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, the central body of Sephardic Jewish community in Quebec. Jacob Rabinovitch, the editor of the Montreal section of the American, Orthodox, Yiddish weekly, Der Algemeiner Journal, gave the same figures to his paper.

(When my uncle's friends heard this disturbing news from one of their own, from Mendle, they were shocked and glumly asked: "What happened? Where is our leadership? Where is everybody?)

So there, my dear readers, you have three believe it or not items. There are more in the possession of my uncle Eliezer and his friends.

Letters to the Editor

Children being controlled

We are a group of Jewish parents and the one thing we all have in common is that our children have been mesmerized in a very sophisticated manner by the Divine Light Mission or, as he is called, the guru.

The purpose for keeping in touch with each other is the hope of becoming more knowledgeable about what this movement is doing and how we may be in touch with our children whose minds are controlled by this guru.

We would appreciate hearing from anyone who may wish to share a similar experience as well as anyone who may be knowledgeable and up with the latest information about cults. You may write: P. O. Box No. 1351, Montreal.

Abe and Florence Cohen,
Montreal

More than Golda

I enjoyed reading J.B. Salsberg's column on Golda Meir. I'm sure he didn't intend to attribute Stalin's anti-Jewish Soviet policies of 1948-1953 purely to the Rosh Hashana incident of 1948 when Golda went to shul in Moscow.

As J.B. knows, the series of imprisonments of Soviet Yiddish writers (leading to their eventual execution) was heralded by the phoney "accidental" death of Shlomo Mikhoels. This took place nine months earlier in Minsk in January 1948.

Gerald K. Brill,
Toronto

Vietnamese refugees are forgetting their hardships in settling into new way of life in Jewish state

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV, Israel —

Saigon House, a Vietnamese restaurant, is wedged between a Bulgarian cafe and a Russian bakery in the midst of old, odiferous Jaffa. A cosmopolitan neighborhood, Jaffa is home to Arabs and an awesome variety of Jews. Last summer, a handful of Vietnamese moved into the area, making Jaffa a veritable Tower of Babel.

Israel's newest—and strangest—immigrants, the Vietnamese are a speck on the landscape of the Jewish state. Among the 70 odd Vietnamese in Israel today are Lien Pham Kim, 33, and her husband, Dr. Tai Duong Duc, 35, both natives of Saigon.

They are the proprietors of Saigon House, which, they claim, is Israel's only authentic Vietnamese restaurant. Dr. Duc, a dentist practising in Bat Yam, is too busy pulling teeth to lend a hand. But his lovely wife, a former geography teacher, plays an active role in the fledgling business. She is the waitress. Her younger brother, Binh Pham Trung, is the chef. He used to be a banker.

Despite the obvious problems they have had in adjusting to Israel, Dr. Duc and his wife are grateful to be here. "We like the freedom of this country," he says. "I think the Israelis are kind and friendly," adds Lien Pham Kim. "My daughter, Kochava (star in Hebrew), will be an Israeli."

They have been in Israel for 17 months now, refugees who were saved from possible death by an Israeli freighter in the South China Sea. Dr. Duc and Lien Pham Kim were aboard a small fishing boat with 64 other Vietnamese when they were picked up by the Yuvali. The escapees had run out of food and water after a perilous journey. Ships of various nations had passed without offering help.

"We were just about finished," Dr. Duc explained.

The Yuvali took the bedraggled and bewildered Vietnamese to Taiwan, but neither that country nor others granted them asylum. At the end of June, 1977, Prime Minister Begin, in one of his first official acts, announced that the refugees—whom he compared to European Jews during the Holocaust—were welcome to live in Israel.

The Vietnamese were sent to an immigrant absorption centre in the Negev town of Ofakim. There, for two months, they studied Hebrew at an ulpan. Some began their search for jobs and permanent housing. A few left for the United States, where they had relatives.

Today, the Vietnamese are scattered throughout the nation, engaged in many different kinds of jobs. A disproportionate number, however, work as cooks and waiters in Israel's growing number of Chinese restaurants. One drives a truck in the Sinai and two women are working as nurses in Haifa.

According to Dr. Duc, 17 of the 66 boatful of refugees were simple fishermen and they are plying their trade in the waters of the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

Eleven of the 66 were orphans between 12 and 17 and they are housed in Meir Shefeya, a village operated by Youth Aliyah. It was originally established to care for youngsters fleeing Nazi persecution.

Dr. Duc and his wife remained in Ofakim longer than most Vietnamese, possibly because he hoped he could create a thriving practice there. But his hopes evaporated within half a year. "Ofakim was a nice place. The people were great. I felt, though, that it was too small."

They moved to Tel Aviv, where about half of the Vietnamese presently reside. The Jewish Agency gave them a rented flat, which they still have, and provided the family with financial aid for six months. They were assigned the status of permanent residents. In another few years, they will be eligible for citizenship.

(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Lien Pham Kim (right) and her brother, the chef, stand in front of their Vietnamese restaurant in Jaffa. Lien Pham Kim used to be a teacher in Saigon. Now she's a waitress.

"Language has been the main problem," explained Dr. Duc, who speaks French and English in addition to his native tongue. His Hebrew is just passable, but he said it will improve. Besides, he added, all of his patients converse in English with him.

He is one of the lucky few who work in the same profession or trade in which he was active in South Vietnam. "That is also a problem," he noted, acknowledging that Vietnamese are not the only ones in Israel who've had to go through the painful process of changing their trade or profession.

A graduate of Saigon University, he brought his diploma with him, had it translated into Hebrew and persuaded the government to recognize his skill as a certified dentist.

Like most South Vietnamese, he knew little about Israel—or Jews—before arriving here. "I had heard about the Six Day War, Golda Meir, and Moshe Dayan," he said.

Dr. Duc and Lien Pham Kim decided to set up a restaurant partly because she was unable to find a teaching job without fluent Hebrew, and partly because they saw it as a way of consolidating their position in Israel. Her brother joined the enterprise because he, too, was having trouble on the employment market.

Saigon House has five tables and a seating capacity of some 20. It has been open for three months now. When I visited it on a recent afternoon, the restaurant was all but empty. The usual assortment of Vietnamese delicacies are served up. The food, as is to be expected, is not kosher.

They buy most of their Asian herbs and spices in France. "A friend in Paris sends them to us each month," Lien Pham Kim said. "They are simply unavailable in Israel."

In her opinion, Saigon House is Israel's only real Vietnamese restaurant. "There are others in Tel Aviv, but their owners are Chinese and they don't know Vietnamese cuisine," she remarked.

Lien Pham Kim said she and her husband may go to the United States in three or four years. "He wants to continue his studies—in English," she explained. "But we'll be back. This is our home."

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

NOT FOR ZIONISTS ONLY

The North American Aliyah Movement is organizing a Toronto branch to draw together—for education and moral support—people interested in living in Israel. The opening meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14 at 8, and will be addressed by Israel Information officer Matti Golan. His lecture, **Israeli Society—Who's Who in Government**, takes place in the Zionists Centre's Haifa Room, 788 Marlee Ave.

The Israel Centre in the north 'Y' is sponsoring two lectures this upcoming week. On the 14th CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg will direct himself to the question **Has the Jewish Establishment Failed Our Youth?** On the 17th, the 'Y' Singles Circle, for 25-35 year olds, presents Amir Peleg, an Israeli shaliach and member of Kibbutz Usha, who will tackle the topic **Israel: An Alternative Singles' Lifestyle**. Both are at 8.

MUSIC MAESTRO

Canada's Pro Arte Trio performs at Temple Sinai's Oneg Shabbat concert-in-the-round on the 12th. Performing contemporary Jewish music will be soprano Belva Spiel, pianist Jane Coop, and flutist Suzanne Shulman.

On Sunday, the 14th, at 8:30 the Tel-Aviv String Quartet, along with clarinetist Yona Ettlinger, kick off Beth Tzedec's series of three concerts. For ticket information, call 781-3511.

RELIGION AND FAMILY

Religious Values and the Healthy Family is the theme of a weekend conference sponsored by Christian-Jewish Dialogue in co-operation with Temple Har Zion and St. Gabriel's Church. The program runs from 1:30-9 on the 13th, at the temple on Bayview, and 11:30-5:30 at the church, 650 Sheppard Ave. E., on Sunday, the 14th. Panel members are: Estelle Altman, family life educator at the Jewish Family and Child Services; Rev. Tom Kingston, family life consultant for the Anglican Church of Canada, Rabbi Michael Stroh of the temple and Rev. Paul Cusack of St. Gabriel's. For information and registration, call 368-8026.

LIVE AND LEARN

Bnai B'rith Hillel has begun its winter semester of the Free Jewish University for college-age adults. There's still time to catch the first Yiddish class on the 10th, at 7, in Room 216 at the Bloor 'Y'. Or try Hebrew, on the 17th in Room 212; 6:30 for advanced, 8:30 for beginners. Folk dancing begins on the 15th at 6:30 for the masters and 7:30 for the fledglings.

The adult education forum of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda offers a four-week series of lectures by Prof. Sol Tannenzapf of York University on personalities who have left an imprint on Jewish life: Maimonides, Yehuda Halevi, Martin Buber, and Abraham Joshua Heshel. The talks begin on the 15th, following night classes in Bible and Hebrew which start at 7:30.

A new offering in Beth Tzedec's Midrash program is a course on **The World of Hassidism**, prepared by Prof. Irving Block of the University of Western Ontario, a follower of Lubavitch. The course commences on Tuesday the 16th, at 8.

YOUNG ADULTS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Young Adults Group (18-25) is holding a brunch at 11, on Sunday the 14th, with a movie feature to follow. For information, call 633-3838.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS

The ladies auxiliary of Tiferet Israel holds its "opening dance fever" this coming Saturday at 8, at the Borochov Centre on Codsell Ave. Star Band, led by Joe Boaziz, will set the mood, complemented by a bar-buffet and raffle. For reservations, phone 223-7782, or 636-0094.

The same evening at 8:30 the Total Living for Singles (35 and over) of Beth Emeth launch their first dance of the new year with a live orchestra and refreshments. Call Pauline Gluckstein at 633-3471 for further information.

The Jewish Student Federation holds its Apres Heures Disco Saturday evening as well, from 9 to 1 a.m., Vanier dining hall, York University. Student I.D. required.

Disco afficionados can head the following evening to the North 'Y's dance for young adults (19-29) at 8:30. A 50% discount for the next affair will be offered at the door.

KIELCER ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Kielcer Sick Benefit Society had more than New Year's Eve to celebrate the other week. The charitable organization, which raises funds for institutions and individuals in Canada and Israel, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a dinner-dance. On hand was Joe Freedman, one of the original members of the society of 150.

AT THE WAGMAN CENTRE

The public is welcome to attend several ongoing programs at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre at the Baycrest Terrace. Rochelle Weinberg leads a Friday afternoon series on Jewish tradition and customs at 1:30 for the next three weeks. A Wednesday afternoon series at 2:30 is devoted to prominent personalities in Jewish history. Co-ordinator is Corinne Schecter. And a Thursday morning program at 10:30 features book reviews by Helen Keys. The centre's number is 789-5131. All series run in Rooms A & B.

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Rabbi Larry Englander affixes mezzuza on front door of Congregation Solel.

Congregation Solel moves to new building

MISSISSAUGA —

The festival of Chanuka, celebrated by Jews around the world, will long be remembered by the Jewish community of Mississauga for its true meaning of dedication.

On the eighth and last day of this holiday, members of Congregation Solel, Mississauga's only Jewish synagogue, moved from their temporary quarters at Glen Erin Manor to their new synagogue building on Folkway Drive and Erin Mills Parkway.

Led by their spiritual leader Rabbi Larry Englander, the group walked the two miles between the old and new buildings carrying Torahs.

They sang and danced their way through the streets of Mississauga on route to the new 12,000 square foot synagogue. Many trying to hold back the sorrow of leaving behind memories committed to their first home sang loudly camouflaging the tears.

However, as the congregation membership grew, so space in the Glen Erin Manor decreased. High Holy Day services filled the two large rooms to overflowing capacity. In five short years Solel went from 20 families to its present 117 families.

The new synagogue building boasts a strictly kosher kitchen.

Yeshiva U. establishes history chair for Golda

NEW YORK —

Norman Lamm, president, Yeshiva University, recently announced the establishment of the Golda Meir Chair in Jewish History at Yeshiva University.

Lamm said the chair is being made possible by a $500,000 anonymous donation to the institution, America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices, now in its 93rd year.

The professorship, he said, is in tribute to the memory of "a distinguished leader, writer, humanitarian, and honorary alumna of Yeshiva University, revered and beloved for her lifetime of labor dedicated to the freedom of the Jewish people and peace for all mankind."

A strong emotional bond has existed between Mrs. Meir and Yeshiva University since her first visit to the institution in 1963 when, as Israel's foreign minister, she launched a lecture series. Ten years later, as prime minister, she appeared at the university to accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Group Israel bound

TORONTO —

A 40-member Histadrut delegation to Israel will leave from Toronto Jan. 17, 1979, to dedicate a number of new projects built with the co-operation of Histadrut. Among them are The Joseph and Esther Betel Medical Centre in Kiryat Shmaryahu and the Samuel and Rebecca Greenspan Medical Centre in Beth Shemesh.

The group will also participate in ceremonies officially establishing this Manya Lipshitz Amal Scholarship Foundation and The Endowment Fund for Publications in Israel, in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, dealing with the Holocaust and Resistance, which will be established in the name of Jacob and Clara Egit.

The delegation will be received by Itzhak Navon, president of Israel and they will also meet Yeruham Meshel, secretary-general of the Vaad Hapoel Histadrut, and Gideon Hausner, M.K., chairman of Massuah and Yad Vashem.

...about people

David Birkan, 31, has been appointed assistant editor of The Canadian Jewish News in an announcement by editor **Ralph Hyman**. A graduate in journalism of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Birkan joined The CJN last August after a stint as writer-editor for the Toronto Real Estate Board newspaper. Prior to that he worked as an editor at Maclean-Hunter and McGraw-Hill Ryerson. He is the father of two, and author of **Past Redemptions**, a collection of English biblical sonnets.

John Roberts

Secretary of State **John Roberts** is the keynote speaker at Beth Tzedec Congregation's program on human rights and Soviet Jewry. The St. Paul's MP will address himself to the topic "Are Human Rights Alive and Well?" The lecture takes place at the synagogue Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 8, followed by a dramatization of **The Trial of Anatoly Scharansky**. It is expected that a call will be put through that evening to **Kim Fridman**, a Soviet radio engineer and Refusnik adopted by the congregation.

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Other notes in Soviet Jewish affairs . . . **David Sadowski** is the new chairman of the regional Soviet Jewry Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. A community co-ordinator with the Cadillac Fairview Corporation, Sadowski was responsible for organizing and participating in the major Canadian protest efforts during the Leningrad Trials, which spawned activist groups throughout the country . . . Ottawa social worker **Leig Zeisler** is an undaunted activist who carries on a one-man campaign against the Soviet Union. Five nights a week he pickets the USSR embassy on Charlotte Street between 11 and 11:30.

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A Fort Erie, Ont. mother of two is making a small but significant mark in the political history of the Niagara Region. **Stella Ziff** is barely two months into her job as mayor of the 23,500-strong town—the first woman and Jew to hold the post. A former public school board chairman, Mrs. Ziff thinks she is the first Jewish woman mayor in Canada. Her husband, Louis, an attorney, held the top municipal seat in 1948.

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Two Metro teenagers won gold medals at the recent Ontario Games and will be representing the province in gymnastics at the national games for sportsmen under 20, to be held next month in Brandon, Man. **Doran Kernerman** and **Danny Fedder**, both 16, won top honors in the high and parallel bars respectively. Doran stood second and Danny third overall in the gymnastics category at the games held in Kingston.

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Another sportsman, **David Brown**—four times Canadian doubles champion and former member of the Canadian Davis Cup Team, has taken over the duties of racquet sports director at the new Tri-Bell Club on Bathurst Street north of Highway 7.

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Rabbi **Mitchell Serels** has been named permanent co-ordinator of conclaves for the Sephardic Rabbinate of the Americas, which held its first international assembly recently at Yeshiva University. The Torontonian is associate director of the university's Sephardic Studies Department.

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Temple Har Zion elected a new executive at its recent congregational meeting. New Officers are: **Marvin Kopstick**, president; **Cy Carrick**, **Arthur Benjamin** and **Martin Gelfand**, vice-presidents, and **Jack Halberstadt**, treasurer.

Focus on single parents' plight

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

"The Jewish community is catching up on family problems," social worker Helen Sugar told about 30 men and women at a single parents' group panel discussion in Hillcrest Public Library. Sponsor was North-East Jewish Community Services.

"It is important to make it clear from the beginning, that the parents are not trying for a reconciliation," insisted Ms. Sugar, who is a consultant with Jewish Family and Child Service.

Every effort should be made to avoid pitting the child against either mother or father, but, she notes, "it is nice in theory not to criticize the other parent; in reality a large support system is needed to arrive at this point. It should include friends, psychologists, and groups such as yours."

Moderator Elliott Fromstein reinforced the support suggestion saying, "we are a self-help, mutual help organization."

This became evident as individuals stood up to talk about their predicaments, and several who had encountered similar situations responded.

"My 15-year-old son doesn't want to see his father, but he can't tell him that he just doesn't enjoy being with him; there's no communication. How do I handle that?" one mother asked.

A father, speaking out of his own pain laced with understanding, arose, "sometimes my son is bored with me. A teenager doesn't always want to do something with a parent on a regular basis. If we don't feel like getting together, we let each other know in advance. The visits could be shortened."

It was explained too, that the desire to spend time with parents diminishes as the child grows older.

"What happens if there's a serious problem and the father refuses to discuss it with the mother?" asked one woman whose teenage son is ready to leap into marriage.

"Sometimes," said Ms. Sugar, "a psychologist or social worker can arrange separate meetings to try to find a solution."

And what about a father who suddenly decides to leave the country, interrupting regular visits which have continued for years?

"You can't protect children completely," said the social worker. "Be supportive; encourage writing and phoning often."

Rudy Philipp, a clinical psychologist at Thistletown Centre for Children and Adolescents, outlined factors in a separation or divorce profoundly affecting children.

A move to another location and subsequent change in routine are deeply felt. "It is a myth that kids get over things quickly.

"Young children are egocentric and when Mom and Dad split, they think it is their fault. They should know that they are not responsible, and also that they cannot be expected to solve the problems. Many fantasize that someday, somehow, their parents will get together again.

"They feel that the non-custodial parent has abandoned them. The fact that one parent has left engenders the fear that two can go, and many do silly things to find out if the parent still loves them."

Special seminar is planned

Attention publicity people for Jewish groups and organizations: The CJN is planning a one-hour seminar called "The Professional Touch."

To be led by a staff member, it will describe what newspaper offices look for in news releases, submitted for publication.

Style, content, format and the attending details that contribute to a complete and acceptable news release will be explored.

Tentatively, the seminar would involve a brief lecture followed by a question-and-answer period. There would be no charge.

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Settler Alice Coret and her acquaintance, Avinoam Tomer, take a walk down one of Yamit's peaceful byways.

(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Carol Rosenblatt and daughter have lived in Yamit for several years. Mrs. Rosenblatt is a New Yorker.

JCC executive director lectures at conference

TORONTO —

Sid Brail, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, will join other leading Jewish community centre and YM & YWHA executives from throughout the U.S. and Canada at the 1979 JWB-sponsored Metropolitan City Centre Executives Seminar, to be held from Jan. 14 to 17 at the Spa Hotel in Palm Springs, Calif.

The four-day conference will provide the Jewish communal executives with opportunities to exchange ideas, share problems facing top management personnel, and discuss matters of mutual concern.

Brail will be discussion leader of a task group on Implications of Demographic Changes.

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Settlers are unhappy over resettlement plan

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She says her husband is looking for prospects elsewhere. "I always felt Yamit didn't belong to Israel, that it wasn't permanent." She thinks Egypt seeks peace. "I feel sure Sadat wants an end to war."

Carol Rosenblatt, a 38-year-old divorcee from New York and Miami, has lived in Yamit for the past three years. She owns a thriving beach-side restaurant into which she has poured some $20,000.

"I can't think of any other place in the world where you could watch a town spring up before your eyes in so short a period of time," she says. "There are so few challenges left in the world.

"But I would never have come here if I thought Israel would evacuate Yamit. Israel is being sold by its own government and being used by politicians abroad. One small American councilman could wrap an Israeli politician around his finger.

"Egypt hasn't given Israel anything in the Camp David agreements. Egypt has everything to gain and nothing to lose. If I thought Israel would never have to go to war, I would accept this. But. . . ."

Mrs. Rosenblatt says she might burn the restaurant if she is forced to leave. "Why should I leave them (Egypt) this?"

Avraham Bar-Ilan speaks sadly of the projected dissolution of Yamit. "I believed this town would be great and good for Israel. Begin once came here and told us Yamit would grow to 250,000."

A religious Jew, the 35-year-old father of one child laughs when he's asked if he's a Zionist. "I'm a Jew and as a Jew I believe what's written in the Bible—settle the land of Israel. We have an order from the Bible not to leave."

And Bar-Ilan intends to stay. "I don't believe Egypt wants a settlement," he says. "Life in Yamit is better than in Rehovot, where I used to live. It has good air, the sea, and a fine outdoor life for children."

Down the road from Yamit lies Sadot, a much smaller settlement specializing in winter vegetables and flowers. Jeannie Ilan, a 32-year-old native of Los Angeles, came to Sadot in 1971 with her husband Shimon. They live in a neat bungalow surrounded by trees and shrubs. She is angry and bitter over the turn of events.

"I wouldn't have settled in Sadot if I thought Israel would abandon it. This government is making a tremendous mistake. It's a weak government and scared stiff of the United States. Israel could stand up to the United States. It would mean hardship, but we could make it. We're the 51st state of the U.S. and most Israelis don't realize it.

"They want peace so badly, they're not thinking. They have their heads in the clouds. It's total craziness."

The Ilans have three children and a fourth is on the way. She says the family will not emigrate, despite everything. "I still have strong feelings for this country," she emphasizes. "But I don't know what we'll do after we're told to leave. Israel doesn't fit into the scheme of pan-Arabism, and I'm pessimistic about my grandchildren's future. Sadat is brilliant. He knows the name of the game. We're asses.

"What I find more frightening is that Israel is setting a very dangerous precedent by agreeing to pull out of this area. God forbid we give them (Arabs) the Golan Heights and the West Bank."

Upheld 1974 amendment hailed by New York Jews

NEW YORK —

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America recently hailed a federal court ruling upholding the constitutionality of a New York State law providing for state re-imbursement to private schools, the costs of state-required testing and record keeping.

The ruling upheld an amendment to a 1974 New York State law, called the Mandated Services Act. The law is intended to "reimburse schools the actual cost of complying with state requirements for public attendance reporting and the administration of state prepared standardized examinations."

in the words of the majority decision. "It is only appropriate," UOJC president Julius Berman noted, "that the proportionate share of teacher salaries and fringe benefits, as well as actual direct costs be re-imbursed by the state for those programs which, as the court said 'preclude any substantial risk . . . for injection or inculcation of religious values and principles.'"

Mr. Berman also pointed out that the decision is significant in its departure from the doctrinaire approach of some earlier decisions which ruled unacceptable any form of government assistanee to parochial schools.

Mizrachi director

By BARB SILVERMAN

TORONTO —

Rabbi Allan Nadler is the new executive director of Mizrachi in Toronto, replacing Edwin Schild as co-ordinator of fund-raising, social and cultural activities for the organization.

Rabbi Nadler, 24, is a graduate of McGill University; attended Jews' College, a rabbinical school in London, England; was ordained by Rabbi Leib Baron, the Rosh Yeshiva of Montreal's Merchaz HaTalmud, where Rabbi Nadler also studied, and is a doctoral candidate at Harvard University, doing post-graduate work in Jewish history.

There are 450 members (male) of Mizrachi in Toronto, whose accent is of an educational, Torah-oriented nature, and whose primary interest Rabbi Nadler says, is raising money for vocational schools, Yeshivot and B'nei Akiva schools in both Toronto and Israel.

Rabbi Nadler is a former Montreal resident.

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Organizations and People

Alan Alexander (left) and Alvin Abram, both of B'nai B'rith Leonard Mayzel Lodge, hold outsized cheque presented to Baycrest Centre.

BB Leonard Mayzel Lodge is a leader in raising funds

By BARB SILVERMAN

TORONTO —
The B'nai B'rith Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge has spent more than $1 million in Toronto and Israel since its inception in 1948 to help people and organizations in need.

This year alone, the lodge is raising more than $100,000 to be allocated to such organizations as the Baycrest Centre, Creative Living Centre, Jewish National Fund, Jewish Board of Education, B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations, Hillel League for Human Rights and the Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem.

As well, the lodge has made contributions to Big Brothers, Participation House for cerebral palsy victims, and the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

"If we know there is a need we go out and get things done," Alvin Abram, president of the Leonard Mayzel Lodge said.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Abram said the members of the Leonard Mayzel Lodge are community-minded and generally concerned with the welfare of all people. "We are a lodge that likes to do things. Programs are geared to the community as a whole." He said the stereotype of the Jew helping the Jew only, doesn't apply to this lodge. "We help whoever needs it."

Abram has been involved in B'nai B'rith since 1958 and said he learned from his father that by helping other people you are helping yourself.

Alan Alexander, the chairman of the community volunteer services for the lodge, has spent more than 2,000 hours of his time during the past three years in an effort to help people. He said, "You appreciate what you have when you start going out to help others who are less fortunate, or perhaps disabled."

Alexander's job is to find the best places where the lodge can fit in and do the most good. The lodge members are first and second generation Canadians, and all 365 members are active in fund-raising programs.

"We do anything to raise money, including football pools, dinner draws, auctions, bingo and monte carlo nights; any way to legitimately solicit funds," Abram said.

The lodge gives away 90% of the monies raised, leaving 10% for administration. But, Abram said, "most of our programs are run on manpower and not by money."

Alexander has been involved in organizing as many as 35 programs a year sponsored by the Leonard Mayzel Lodge. He said no other lodge has as many programs, or are as successful. This year the lodge has picked the theme of the 'Golden Age' and is concentrating their efforts toward helping senior citizens. Alexander said groups contact him at home and ask to be involved in the lodge's programs.

"We feel senior citizens are not involved enough with, and in, the community, and B'nai B'rith is trying to help change this," Alexander said. The whole concept, he said, has been accepted by everyone in the B'nai B'rith lodge who realizes the importance of helping people in the community, and, he said, everyone has become concerningly involved.

"We don't stagnate. Every year we do something else, and that way we get the widest amount of participation." The lodge's goal for the future is to help children from broken Jewish homes.

The Leonard Mayzel Lodge has won the International Community Services Award five times as the B'nai B'rith lodge which has done more community work than any other lodge in North America, and their calendar of events continues to grow.

Current plans include donating $10,000 to Baycrest to start their therapeutic pool program, and taking 450 senior citizens to the Leah Posluns Theatre to see Yiddish films.

B'nai B'rith is the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world and has played a leading role in the Jewish community since 1843.

Historical personalities featured on new stamps

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

Israel has issued a fifth set of historical personalities on stamps: Menahem M. Ussishkin, Berl Katznelson, and Max Nordau. These stamps were designed by Z. Narkiss of Tel Aviv and printed in sheets of 15 with five tabs. Each stamp is for IL. 2.00.

Ussishkin, who was born in Dubrovna, Russia in 1863, was one of the first and foremost leaders of the Zionist movement. He served as president of the Jewish National Fund from 1921 to his death in 1941. Under his dynamic guidance, this organization became the main instrument for redeeming and reclaiming the soil of the ancient homeland on behalf of the Jewish people.

Katznelson was born in Bobruisk, Russia in 1887 and was one of the pioneers of Zionist socialism. An outstanding labor leader as well as a writer and editor of many publications, he was one of the founders of the Histadrut, a director of the Jewish National Fund, and a leading member and ideological mentor of the Labor Party.

In 1925, Katznelson founded Davar, the Histadrut daily and remained editor-in-chief to his last day in 1944. His main sphere of activity was the spreading of culture among the working masses and the youth.

One of the most colorful figures in the early Zionist leadership was Max Nordau, author, orator, neurologist, journalist, and philosopher, who was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1849. Although he graduated in medicine, he was attracted to journalism and literature and published many articles and books including **Conventional Lies of Civilized Mankind**, which aroused the wrath of the autocratic regimes of Europe.

Nordau was one of Herzl's first supporters and served as vice-chairman during Herzl's lifetime. Nordau pleaded for Herzl's ideas uncompromisingly, calling for immediate mass immigration. He held the position of honorary chairman at the 12th Zionist Congress.

Refuseniks seek more letters

NEW YORK —
The wife and 12-year-old daughter of Isaak Shkolnik, now serving a seven-year sentence at hard labor for "treason," recently pleaded for the American public to continue its letter-writing campaign in support of Soviet Jewry.

Feiga Shkolnik, touring the United States under the auspices of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, told the National Symposium of the Women's Plea For Human Rights For Soviet Jews that "the letters sent by you to the camps often do not reach the addresses, but they do reach the KGB and the camp administration. They know that the Jewish prisoners are not forgotten, that the struggle for them is continuing."

Shkolnik's case was the precursor for the Scharansky debacle earlier this year. His only real "crime" in 1973 was that he wanted to emigrate to Israel—just as Scharansky does.

Feiga Shkolnik and her daughter Luiza haven't seen Isaak since they fled the Soviet Union and settled in Israel, five years ago.

"I am free and my husband is in prison," said Shkolnik. "Together with him, my daughter and I live through his difficult fate step by step; the terrors of the arrest, the questioning by the KGB, the trial and the endless years of camps and exile. We have been deprived of some of the best years of our lives."

Scholarships available again

TORONTO —
Scholarship grants to students preparing for careers in Jewish education will be awarded once again this year through the Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Scholarship Fund, it was announced by Samuel J. Sable, fund chairman. The fund honors the memory of one of Toronto's best-known communal leaders who passed away in 1974.

The scholarships will assist graduates of Toronto schools who are interested in attending schools of higher Jewish learning in Israel, the United States, and Canada, at a graduate or undergraduate level, with a goal of serving in some teaching or administrative position in Jewish education.

Sixteen winners have received awards during the past three years, and have attended such institutions as Yeshiva University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew University, the Jerusalem College for Women, the Jerusalem Torah College, and others.

The late Meyer W. Gasner served as an officer or board member of a host of communal institutions, including the Associated Hebrew Schools, the Community Hebrew Academy, the Jewish Welfare Fund, the Board of Jewish Education, the Religious Zionists of Canada, Camp Moshava, Yeshiva University, and many others.

The fund is administered by the Board of Jewish Education. Students interested in a descriptive brochure and an application form should write to the Meyer Gasner Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Board of Jewish Education, 22 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto M6B 2B9. The final date for the filing of applications is March 31, 1979.

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A/2	Deuteronomy	2	Tues.	7–9 p.m.
A/3	First and Second Kings	2	Thurs.	7–9 p.m.
A/4	Jeremiah	2	Mon.	7–9 p.m.
A/5	Prophets of Zion, Ezra and Nehemiah	2	Sun.	2–4 p.m.
	ORAL LAW			
B/1	Mishna - selected chapters from Seder Nezikin (torts)	2	Tues.	7–9 p.m.
B/2	Talmud – selections	2	Sun.	2–4 p.m.
B/3	Halacha – Liturgy	2	Sun.	4–6 p.m.
B/4	Halacha – Laws pertaining to Festivals	2	Mon.	7–9 p.m.
	HISTORY			
C/1	Period of the Second Temple	2	Mon.	7–9 p.m.
C/2	Modern period – the 20th Century	2	Thurs.	7–9 p.m.
	LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE			
D/1	Hebrew Grammar	1	Sun.	4–5 p.m.
D/2	Hebrew Composition	1	Sun.	5–6 p.m.
D/3	Yiddish for beginners	1	Tues.	7–8 p.m.
D/4	Hebrew Literature – Prose	1	Thurs.	7–8 p.m.
D/5	Hebrew Literature – Poetry	1	Thurs.	8–9 p.m.
	EDUCATION AND PEDAGOGY			
E/1	Psychology	2	Wed.	7–9 p.m.
E/2	Philosophy of Education	2	Tues.	7–9 p.m.
E/3	Teaching Practice	1	??	??
	JEWISH THOUGHT			
F/1	Introduction to Bible and oral law	2	Wed.	7–9 p.m.
F/2	Selections from Medieval Jewish Philosophy (Saadia Gaon, Maimonides, Yehuda Halevi, etc.)	2	Mon.	7–9 p.m.
F/3	Ta-Amei Ha-Mitzvot	2	Sun.	4–6 p.m.

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Organizations and People

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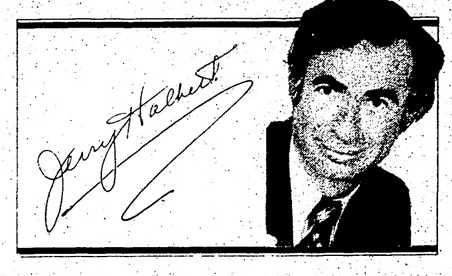
Members of Toronto Alumni Chapter of Alpha Omega, the fraternity of the Dental College, visit Boys Town Jerusalem, as part of their tour to Israel. Alumni Chapter has had tours to Israel since 1974 and 540 persons have gone to date. Next one is on April 23.

Ricky Goldman, Bruce Cole and David Freudmann of Travel group seem quite pleased as they look over binder for their travel division. From their expressions, results are obviously worth smiling over.



Tonight's the night (January 11), for the opening campaign meeting of the Men's Apparel group, chaired this year by **Barry Appleby.** Addressing the group at the Primrose Club is our own co-chairman of the Campaign Executive & Cabinet, **Mike Koskie,** who, despite his modest claims to the contrary, has become a most articulate spokesman for UJA and Project Renewal. Attending the meeting will be two other members of the September UJA mission, **Charlie Diamond,** the youngest "elder statesman" in the Apparel division, and **Alan Lerman.**

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Joel Greisman, chairman of Toronto's Project Renewal campaign, tells me that plans for implementing the massive program to rehabilitate the slums of Israel are now in high gear. An international committee headed by **Jerold C. Hoffberger** of Baltimore, has been set up to supervise the program, in co-operation with Israeli officials. Our own **Phil Granovsky** is vice-chairman of the committee.

The Jewish Agency has appointed **Eliezer Rafaeli** as full-time staff director of Project Renewal. He's a former president of Haifa University.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT... your UJA contribution helps provide six months of no-cost health insurance for all new immigrants to Israel.

...and in Toronto...the UJA allocates $59,295 to the Jewis Student Federation to establish a Jewish presence on the York University campus.

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Irvin Berger, who again heads the Furriers' group, has scheduled a meeting for next Monday evening, January 15, at the Primrose Club. From the drastic drop in the temperature, it seems most timely for furriers to get together...b-r-r-r-r!

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That small, but very lively Travel group, with **David Freudmann** at the helm, has been running a very successful campaign. Freudmann has met with **Ricky Goldman** and **Bruce Cole** at least three times in the past month or so to follow up on cards and results are excellent they tell me.

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I'm eagerly looking forward to the annual Alpha Omega dinner, which takes place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on January 22. **Dr. Elie Wolfson,** UJA chairman for the dental fraternity, was very pleased that UJA was able to arrange for **Rabbi Alexander Schindler** to make an appearance as the guest speaker. Rabbi Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and anyone attending the dinner who has not heard him speak, is in for a treat.

As the recently retired chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, the rabbi was, according to Time Magazine, "the most prominent and persuasive spokesman" for Jews in the United States, and was also regarded as a "bridge between the U.S. and Israel" in the Carter administration.

Back by popular demand is that socko team of **Ron Appleby** and **Ruth Bass.** They will be taping another television show on cable, similar to the one they did last year, which was geared to Russian newcomers to this community.

The program will be taped on January 31, and the format will follow the previous one — Ruth and Ron will tell the UJA story, focussing on local and Israeli needs, and will be translated into Russian by the moderator.

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We're getting excellent feedback on those small Project Renewal ads, appearing for the past few weeks in the CJN. Each of the statements comes right from the hearts of those who participated in our mission to Israel last September. We think they're quite effective.

The terrific full-page ads promoting the UJA campaign continue to draw considerable favorable attention, not only from members of our community, but from campaigners throughout Canada and the U.S.

The ads are the combined product of our public relations co-chairmen, **Mike Koskie, Al Sandler** and **Ira Gerstein.** Mike, Al and Ira meet frequently at the **Vickers & Benson** office to discuss the campaign's promotional approach and to lay down the guidelines for the ads. Staff members of our PR department then follow up with the necessary research and present their ideas to **Mary Jane Palmer**, one of the brilliant copywriters at Vickers & Benson. She produces those smashing headlines and whips into shape the material provided by the PR staff.

But that's not the end of it.

The co-chairmen meet to review each ad before it's set in type and make corrections and suggest changes.

When they agree that the ad tells the story they want to get across, the ad goes to art director **Jerry Ginsberg** (after the necessary changes have been made in the copy), who does the eye-catching layouts.

Mike, Al and Ira spend a lot of time on these ads (plus supervising other PR activities) and I want to thank them for the great job they are doing.

Until next week...

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayechi

Arur apom kee az...Cursed be their anger...

In one second of anger a person can destroy someone's whole life.

When the saintly Chofetz Chaim wrote his brilian work, **Shemirat Halashon** (Guard Your Tongue), on the sin of speaking gossip, he sent copies around with a salesman to distribute in various cities.

When the salesman showed a copy to one customer, he snorted: "Guard your Tongue, indeed! Why doesn't he write a book on guarding your nose, after all, that sticks out."

The salesman was so amused at the man's comment, that he repeated it to the Choftez Chaim. The saint sighed: "You know, he's right. Sometimes just by a twitch of a nose you can destroy someone's whole career. After all, when Jacob cursed Simeon and Levi he said: "Cursed be **apom** — literally their nose — for it is fierce..."

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Simeon and Levi were two sons of Jacob who were great tzadikim, holy and righteous men. They couldn't stand wickedness. When Shechem raped Dinah, they destroyed him and his city. When they saw that Joseph was doing seemingly evil things, they wanted to kill him.

What could be holier that these pious fighters for G-d?

And yet Jacob cursed their anger! Why?

But it shows...even when one sees others straying from the right path, that a fellow Jew is 100% wrong — **arur apom** — cursed be anger! Cursed be hatred among Jews! Cursed be self-righteousness that sets Jews against Jew!

When a Jew sees a brother go off from Yiddishkeit, he should speak out. We are never allowed to compromise with those who would destroy Torah — but it has to be done with love, with humilty, quietly, and effectively.

Instead, Jacob said — "I will divide them among Jacob, and scatter them in Israel..." What kind of curse is this?

But Jacob said: "No extreme is good. Simeon and Levi are too fiercely zealous, while I'm afraid that the rest of the Jews will be too complacent...I will scatter them among Israel, every Jew should have a trace of the **kano'us**, the zeal and fighting spirit of Simeon and Levi."

"Mind your own business," is not a Jewish saying. Every Jew is responsible for his neighbor. We each have to have a spark of Simeon and Levi's fire, that when we see another Jew, we must draw him to Judaism, Torah and mitzvot.

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Simeon and Levi had a terrible temper, and G-d wanted to cool them. What did he do? Our rabbis teach: "He made the children of Simeon to be **melamdim,** Hebrew teachers — and the children of Levi to go from granary to granary in search of tithes..."

Why such jobs?

He made the Levites to go begging for their tithes from granary to granary, because a poor man can't afford to have a hot temper. Wherever he goes, he has to speak politely, in order to get a share.

And the Simeonites he made Talmud Torah teachers, because a melamed can't afford to get angry, otherwise the children will never learn. By neccesity, they had to calm down. (Klee Chemdah)

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Of course, sometimes you do lose patience. The Shaagas Aryeh once gave such a brilliant pilpul (Talmudic discourse), that his whole audience, even the learned ones, lost track.

When he saw this, the Shaagas Aryeh said impatiently: "You know, gentlemen, you are even greater than angels!" "How is that?" they asked."

"The prophet Ezekiel tell us that angels have calves' feet, and you have calves' heads."

A person who stays calm, lives long and well. Shabbat Shalom.

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Beth Tzedec's Judaism courses to start Jan. 15

This Monday evening marks the beginning of Beth Tzedec's second semester in its Fundamentals of Judaism courses. Cantor Joseph Cooper continues his course signed to acquaint beginners with the rudiments of Hebrew to enable students to learn to read the siddur. An intermediate section of the same course is also offered.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg's The Essentials of Judaism is also offered, and is directed at those wishing to deepen their knowledge of fundamental Jewish beliefs and practices. The winter semester of Friedberg's course, a continuation of the fall class is also an independent unit which students may join in January. Topics for the winter include: adoption, conversion, marriage and other major festivals.

On the same evening Aaron Nussbaum will start a course on the Siddur in Jewish Life. Cantor Morris Soberman gives a weekly class at 9 p.m. on how to daven, a practical course for those wishing to learn how to conduct services on weekdays.

Morning versions of the Fundamentals program also start Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday mornings beginning at 10 on Jan. 17, Mrs. Maxine Blendis continues her illustrated course on Jewish art. Information about registration and fees can be obtained from the synagogue office, 781-3511.

Soviets ignore demonstration

By RUTH KAHANE

OTTAWA — The remote-controlled security gates of the Soviet embassy did not open Dec. 10 when the head of the Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry attempted to make a Human Rights Day visit to Ambassador Alexander Yakovlev.

Committee head Ruth Berger left her envelope for the ambassador at the gate, but first, assuming the microphone speaker to be on, read the message to an unknown listener inside.

The message called upon the Soviet government to honor its commitments made 30 years ago, when it signed the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Meanwhile, across the street, a small community contingent bundled, and in black, marched up and down with placards.

The march focused on Ida Nudel, "guardian angel of the Gulag," and Anatoly Scharansky, yet the two faces on the placards represented more than 20 Jews now in Soviet prisons, all sentenced after applying to emigrate to Israel.

Simma Holt, MP Vancouver-Kingsway, unable to present a scheduled address to the gathering because she had to leave for Israel as part of Canada's delegation to Golda Meir's funeral, instead sent a letter, recalling Golda Meir's fight for human rights and her first mission to Russia as ambassador to Moscow.

"We must follow Golda's lead, to let those who are oppressed—our brothers and sisters—know that they are not alone . . . and we must force the Soviet Union to accept its own commitments," said the letter read to the gathering by Mrs. Berger.

WE WERE THERE!

To see or know of human indignity among our people in Israel is to know suffering. We must all participate in helping these families live a decent life in decent surroundings --no less than what we would wish for ourselves and our children.

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Among other interesting items are gold rings and diamond earrings, brooches of coral, pendants of lapis, and carvings of ivory.

A most incredible collection of all is that of antique Mongolian necklaces. They were also worn by courtiers; some have secret open backwork compartments and adorned with semi-precious stones. These jewels are rare and magnificent, and one doesn't have to be a connoisseur to admire them.

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A HIDDEN SECRET

By CAROLE BRAJAK

Did you ever look at a very attractive woman and ask yourself what does she have that I don't? I know that I look good — my dress is high style and absolutely right for me — my shoes and accessories are perfect, my hair styles just right too. I spend hours putting it all together and I felt satisfied, until I saw "her". How does she do it? What have I missed? I think this question is one that every woman asks herself at some point in time.

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I am surprised at how many women think their dress is the most important item to looking good. I remember well when I was being trained to fit, our attractive professor telling us: "Put your foundation garments on then standing before the mirror, and if you like what you see, put your dress on and you are ready to go out."

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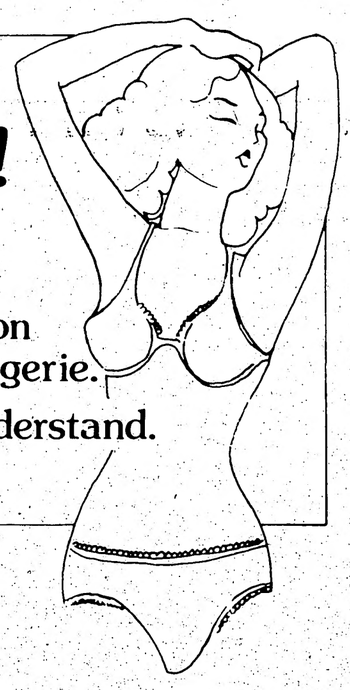

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Bridal couturier announces show of wedding fashions on Jan. 24

Ritche, Canada's leading bridal couturier will present his Annual Bridal and Fashion Show on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Prince Hotel. This year the show is entitled "A Bridal Prelude" and will feature a fabulous collection of new and exciting looks for the 1979 bride as well as distinctive couture fashions for daytime and evening wear.

Bridal fashion for 1979 promises to be more exciting than ever and Ritche feels the trend will be to a slightly more lavish look. The softs chiffons, tissue satins and Ritche's own favorite, a new lustrous satif chiffon have silky appliques and gleams of pearl and irridescent beading to add a subtle opulence. Pleating on the capelets or trains is featured on many gowns.

Perhaps the biggest influence will come from the '40s. This is evidenced in widers shoulders, slimmer skirts, dolman sleeves, peplum effects etc. in daytime wear and the effect is a paring down of the full (often overpowering) blouson looks of last year and is much more wearable and definitely more flattering. Where many designers go overboard and choose the more obvious and trashier looks of the era, Ritche avoids the costumey feel and strives to achieve the essence of the period and to use those details of design that enhance both the fashion and the wearer.

Another major influence in bridal fashion is the classical ballet and Ritche will show a number of gowns which capture the romantic grace and femininity of the dance. Floating hanky point chiffon topped with a tiny Queen Anne jacket of crusty Alencon lace rates bravas! As does a romantic Juliet gown of sheer chiffon with empired waist, puffed sleeves, a flutter with ruffles at the ankle and sparkling with a gleam of irridescence.

A coming influence, already sweeping the U.S. and Europe is the Egyptian look, inspired by the magnificent Tutahnkhamen Exhibition which arrives in Toronto later this year. The influence will be felt in many subtle ways perhaps most in jewelry and accessories, but Ritche always a forerunner in this field will show a bridal gown which will reflect the sheer elegance of the period.

This year Ritche will feature the work of two young trainee designers, Shirley McFadden and Tish Fletcher both recent graduates of local design schools. Under Ritche's direction, their new talents are blended with Ritche's own and those of his long time house designer Ron Gilmore to produce the distinctive Ritche look.

Coinciding with his show this year is the opening of a new Ritche Bridal Salon at 4544 Dufferin\St. in Downsview which will be a great convenience for Ritche's customers in the north-west area of the city and will provide fantastic one-stop shopping for the bridal party. Featured in this one-stop shopping centre will be men's formal rentals, wedding invitations, photography, wedding cakes as well as our Ritche's Bridal Salon.

Another creation from the shop of Bell Schiller

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Eyes that command victory wear a highlighter base of Bold Gold. Then Fatigue Green Shimmerling is applied to the eye creases, around the outer corners and beneath the lower lashes. Charcoal crayon inside the lower lashes and all around the lashes further emphasizes the eyes.

Gold and Diamonds highlights the top of the cheekbones and the browbone.

Lips that promise surrender are outlined with Grapevine Lipliner, filled in with Prune Lipstick and finished with a slick of Bronze Lipshine.

You could be awarded a purple heart for looking so devastating!

March into winter with a gloriously colored face

Fashion is fun for the daring

By HELENE SILVERMAN

What is fashion? I found the definition that is the closest to my ideas under the writing of Merle Shane. She said: "The fact is I am unabashedly in love with clothes. I am not a slave to fashion, I wish to point out. I even think clothes with labels are for people who don't know who they are unless Gucci or Hermes tells them they rate. But I do love clothes. I love them as I love good food, great movies, and inspired conversation—because they make life more fun."

I often find that many people coming into my shop are very insecure about fashion, about the way to wear it, and about mixing and co-ordination of colors. I feel people should be more daring. If an outfit in a store appeals to you, even moderately, you should try it on.

Walk away from the mirror, look at yourself, walk around, feel the outfit, look again in the mirror. If you like what you see and what you feel—buy it! Even though it could be slightly more costly than you expected, every time you will wear it you will feel great, and want to wear it as often as possible.

For a different look, try a turtleneck, a blouse, or a sweater under a dress.

Also, people should be more daring in the co-ordination of their wardrobe. For example, purple looks great with turquoise. If you can imagine a blouse containing orange, grey and black, wear them, create your look. Black pants and a grey blouse and an orange sweater or visa versa.

And don't forget your three-year-old cardigan. Take it out and see what you can do with it. Let your imagination go—create a new look and a new you.

There has been a lot of writing lately about "the new skinny look." If it suits you, fine; if it does not, don't wear it. There is always another look within fashion that will suit you. Try a modified version.

Hélène Silverman is the owner of Hélène's Boutique, 2799 Bathurst Street.

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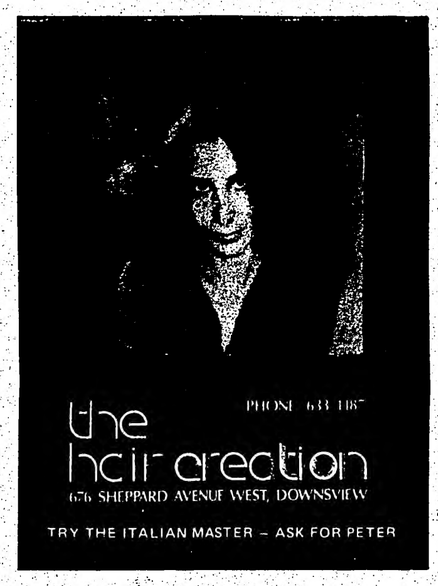

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KITCHEN RENOVATIONS IN VOGUE

By KATHY FLAXMAN

Kitchen furniture no longer means just tables and chairs. Today's consumer is demanding top quality workmanship and design in the cabinets that store food and appliances used in the home. Exercising the same discretion that goes into any furniture purchase, the buyer of a kitchen wants to be sure that the product is functional, maintenance-free, beautiful and will survive the years of hard wear that families can dish out.

Indeed, when families make the decision to renovate their homes, the kitchen is always a room that requires extensive changes. Gerald Mason, president of Project Design and Administration Ltd., whose firm is now distributing New World Kitchen furniture, explained that a home that filled a family's needs at purchase time may have become woefully inadequate 10 or 15 years later.

"There are a variety of reasons why people renovate their homes," he said. "Sometimes they've simply outgrown the space they have. Often, as the family grows, there is a need for more privacy for both teenagers and parents. And people who have older homes want more modern innovations such as sliding glass doors leading to patios, bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and family rooms. The kitchen always gets a lot of attention."

Small wonder. In the past decade such devices as dishwashers, built in ovens and microwave ovens have become increasingly popular. But a kitchen built 10 years ago has no allowance for these appliances. Six or seven feet of counter space might have been adequate when the family consisted of just husband and wife, but with three children and increased entertaining, the need may have tripled. "Open plan living has become very popular," Mason pointed out. "Mothers like the family room concept where they can keep an eye on the children while cooking without having them directly underfoot. The open plan also allows the person cooking to converse with guests rather than being shut away in the kitchen."

The kitchen is being seen by guests as well as by the cook, and with both spouses often working outside the home, cooking is no longer solely a female occupation. All family members spend time in the area, and Mason points out that the demand for features which add beauty and light is increasing. "Skylights are gaining popularity fast, as well as sliding glass doors which open onto gardens or patios," he said. "Our winters are long and dark in Canada and people will go to almost any length to bring light into the kitchen and eating areas.

In fact, there seems to be a growing trend to building eating areas which are entirely glassed in and are filled with plants. This gives an outdoor feel to dining, but it's important to use insulated glass for the construction to minimize heat loss."

Wherever possible, fireplaces and coal or wood burning stoves add an attractive warm appearance to a large kitchen and bright ceramic tiles are seen more and more frequently as well. "Fireplaces and stoves are really decorative features. However, the use of coal or wood as fuels can add to family's heating options. Today, there are strikingly beautiful ceramic tiles available from all over the world, and these have the advantage of being easy to clean and durable as well. It used to be common for people to replace their kitchen floors every few years because they would be scratched, worn and dingy. But ceramic tiles are far more durable — properly laid, they're there forever."

Beauty combined with practicality seems to be the trend. And the trend is similarly obvious in the choice of cabinets and accessories. "The introduction of plastic laminate cabinets has brought certain advantages to the householder," Mason said. "This type of unit is very easy to clean, particularly if all surfaces inside and out are laminated. People seem to like the clean geometric lines and now they can again have cabinets in attractive colors, but which will never need painting. White and wood veneers are the most sought after finishes currently."

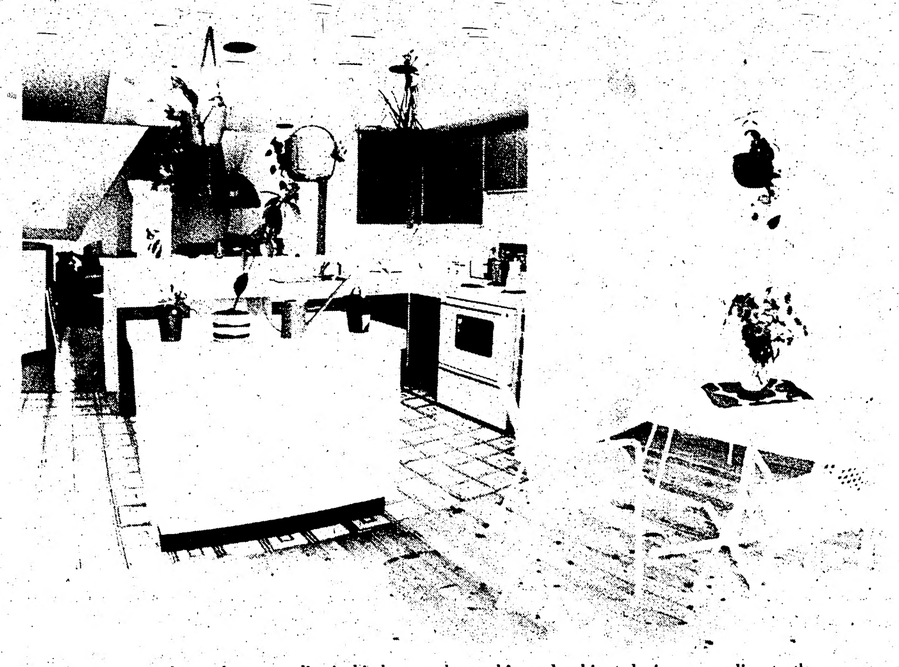
Where the consumer was once content as long as the kitchen's exterior was presentable, he or she is now taking an educated, hard look inside the drawers and cupboards too. "People aren't satisfied if the units are stapled together," Mason pointed out. "They demand solid construction. Shelves must be sturdy, well-supported and adjustable. The unit must have a back and be easy to clean. Drawers which will fall apart or which don't run easily thanks to proper slides aren't acceptable. A big breakthrough in kitchen furniture has been in hinges. Cupboard doors can be flush mounted for tight fit and will open easily. Heavy duty construction of hinges prevents deterioration which can lead to damaged doors.

The modern concept allows for the kitchen to be custom-designed, a concept which is highlighted in the increasing use of accessories such as pull-out baskets or vegetables or pots. "Pantry units, lazy susans and pull-out trays for appliances make the kitchen area more functional," Mason said. "These devices allow the total volume within the unit to be used quickly and efficiently."

The family considering changes to the kitchen, need not, Mason pointed out, be constrained by the existing structure. In most cases, almost anything is possible. "Sinks, power and lighting can almost always be moved," he said. "Whole partitions can be changed, walls cut in two and doors and windows moved. In most cases expansion and change make these sort of alterations mandatory, but they can be accomplished at a reasonable cost."

And, Mason states, consumers are more than pleased with their revamped kitchen areas. "People get more enjoyment out of working in a more colorful, more efficient space," he said. "They find that a more functional kitchen improves the functional aspects of the entire home."

With the many options available today, kitchens can be as tailored to individual needs as clothes.



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Plight of Iranians foretold

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

On August 13, 1977, the following dispatch with a Teheran dateline appeared under my byline in The Canadian Jewish News:

"In an historic pronouncement during his reign, the Shah's father guaranteed the rights of all minorities, and since the Shah has continued this policy, which hasn't hurt his relations with the United States, Canada, and the Western world, then Iranian Jews obviously and sincerely assert their loyalty.

"Despite these guarantees of rights, however, the Jews of Iran who will talk about it, live in a climate of apprehension that their relatively secure world should fall apart if anything happened to the Shah—particularly if he were the victim of an assassin representing a significant resistance to the authoritarianism which characterizes the Shah's rule. . . ."

Of course these, fears, as my wife and I perceived them during our visit to Iran, have now become more real than ever, as noted by this short item which appeared recently on the front page of The Jerusalem Post's International Edition:

"El Al tripled its flights between Israel and Teheran last week to meet the demand for flights out of the Iranian capital. . . . It is reported that several hundred Iranian Jews have arrived here in the last few days, and many are already at an absorption centre."

A few days before this item appeared, I learned that the Israel Bond office was hosting Uri Lubrani, who had just finished his tour of duty as Israel's ambassador in Teheran, and with whom Ruth and I had spent a most pleasant evening at their home, when we were in Teheran.

In a brief conversation while here, Lubrani told me it was best "at this time not to discuss the situation of Iranian Jews in too much detail," but his implication was clear. Let's not mess any more than we have to with an already very messy and delicate problem.

However, it is not at all impolitic nor inappropriate to point out that while Zionists of all dogmas and diversifications, left to right, secular and non-secular, continue to argue three decades after the redemption of Zion what the State of Israel could and should be, there is total agreement on one dimension, perhaps its most important, of the Jewish state.

As is shown once again in the case of Iranian Jews, Israel is fulfilling the essential and fundamental obligation of providing a haven for Jews facing any manner of crisis, from mild uncertainty as to the future to potential physical violence.

And what the Iranian situation reflects once again in still another example of historical irony, is that outside the democratic western world, even a relatively serene Jewish community such as in Iran can become very troubled in a short space of time.

When I was there one and one-half years ago, and as I reported to The CJN from Teheran, the Iranian Jewish community can be profiled more or less as follows:

"The Jewish presence in Iran, with a total population of some 80,000, is a strange amalgam of prosperous to middle class to poor; no highly visible nor articulate Zionist movement; structurally weak in the context of an organized central community organization, although individual organizations such as Jewish schools and ORT are efficiently viable; and in the forefront of loyalty to His Imperial Majesty, the Shah of Iran."

Israel's relationship with Iran, which provides a major portion of her oil needs, has been one of almost silent appreciation, as have been the regularly scheduled air links of almost daily El Al flights between Teheran and Tel Aviv. (Interestingly, Iran Air does not fly to Israel.)

Little did I realize at the time how serious were the threats to the Shah's reign, and I doubt that even the Shah himself realized it!

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U.S. to blame for impasse in peace talks, scholar says

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The United States is to blame for the current impasse in Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, says a leading Hebrew University historian.

Amnon Cohen, now a visiting professor at York University, argued in an interview that American diplomacy encouraged Egypt to increase its demands following the successful conclusion of the Camp David summit.

"The U.S., rather than Israel or Egypt, should be held responsible for the stalemate," Cohen said.

According to Cohen, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders complicated Israeli-Egyptian negotiations when he declared last October, on a visit to the Middle East, that Washington considered the West Bank and East Jerusalem occupied territories.

Saunders' remark, Cohen noted, redoubled Egypt's determination to link an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty to a settlement in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The 42-year-old academic, a specialist in the history of Moslem countries, offered a few reasons for Washington's motives.

The Carter administration assumes the Israeli government can be pressured into complying with Egyptian demands; the U.S., particularly in light of the turmoil in Iran, dreads Saudi Arabian displeasure, and the White House is still trying to convince Jordan to enter the peace process.

Despite the issues dividing Israeli and Egyptian negotiators, Cohen believes Cairo and Jerusalem will sign a treaty within six months. Both sides, he said, will find a way to resolve the deep disagreement over linkage and Article 6 of the Camp David accords. Article 6 deals with Egypt's commitments to its Arab neighbors vis-a-vis its desire to sign a treaty with Israel.

Cohen pointed out that, ultimately, Egypt will agree to a less rigid timetable for Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and the West Bank. And he added that the antagonists will work out an arrangement whereby the term "agression" would be defined clearly.

Cohen, a native of Tel Aviv, said Anwar Sadat "wants to get rid of the Palestinian issue," but not at the expense of betraying the Palestinians' cause.

Though the PLO maintains a high political profile, the organization is going through one of its darkest periods as a result of the Lebanese civil war, Sadat's "sacred mission" to Israel and Israel's massive invasion of southern Lebanon last spring. He is convinced that Syria's objective in Lebanon is obvious: the incorporation of the country into a Greater Syria.

Cohen, a colonel in the army reserves, said the events in Lebanon prove beyond a doubt that Islam and secularism are incompatible. "In practical terms, Lebanon was the only secular country in the Arab world," he explained. The Lebanese tragedy, he elaborated, made a shambles of the PLO's objective to create a secular state in Palestine.

Unlike Christianity, Islam cannot envisage a separation of mosque and state. "According to the purest Islamic concepts, the two are inter-woven."

Tunisia is probably the best example of an Arab land attempting to separate church and state, he said. When Syria's rulers, in the early 1960s, tried to tamper with the church-state balance of power, they had to relent because of widespread demonstrations.

Cohen is the author of several books, his latest being **Population and Revenue in the Towns of Palestine in the 16th Century.** He wrote it in conjunction with British scholar Bernard Lewis. Palestinian Jews enjoyed all the freedoms available at that time, but they were second-class citizens nevertheless, he said.

"To enjoy these freedoms, they had to pay high taxes."

Day-to-day relations between Jews and Moslems were fairly good, and there are even cases of joint business ventures, he disclosed.

Arab-Jewish relations declined with the rise of Arab nationalism and things were never the same again.

(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Amnon Cohen says U.S. has complicated peace talks

Montreal schools register first drop in three years

MONTREAL —

Montreal's Jewish school system, with approximately 6,000 children registered in its 14 elementary schools and eight high schools, has recorded its first drop in enrolment in three years.

Rabbi Myer Krentzman, director of the Jewish Educational Council, announced enrolment for 1978/79 was down from last year by an "insignificant" number: 63 children.

Krentzman also has announced the completion of the introduction of a "standardized accounting system" for all schools.

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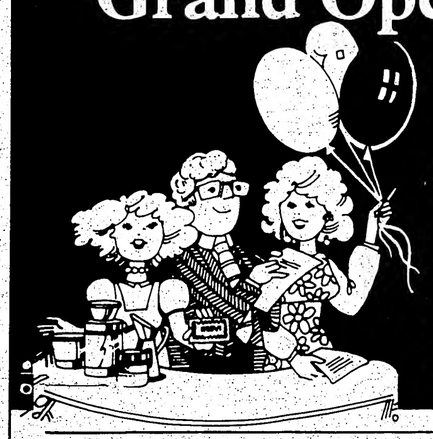

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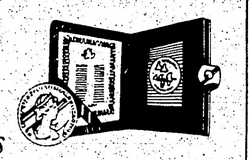

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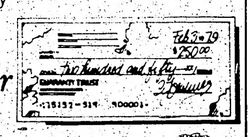

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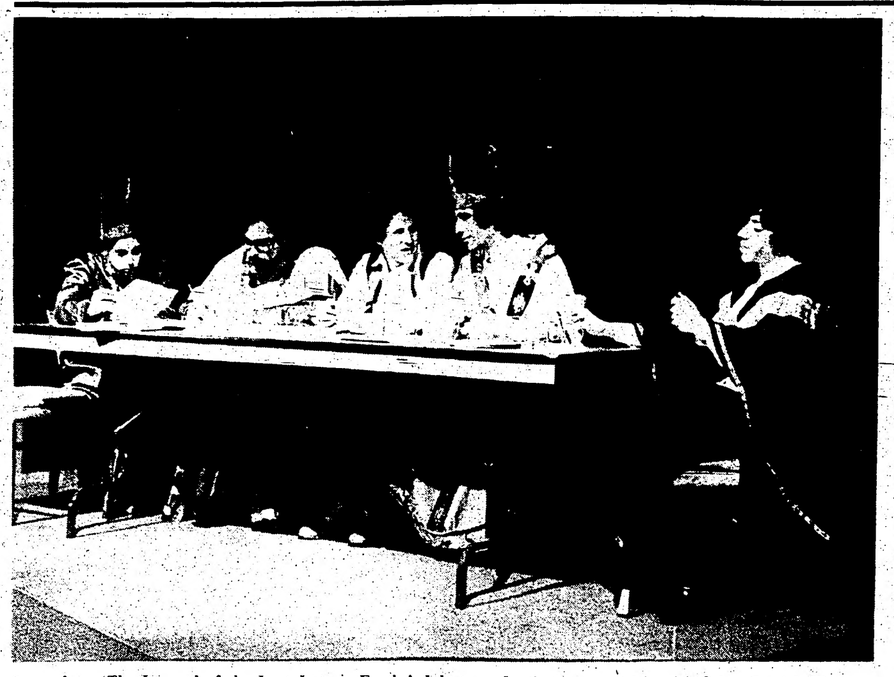

Scene from 'The Legend of the Last Jew on Earth,' debut production presented by the Other Jewish Theatre.

Experimental play proved hard to stage

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

At the entrance of the Beth Tzedec auditorium, an earnest young woman explained to a ticket buyer that several people had left the Jewish Other Theatre's maiden production of **The Legend of the Last Jew on Earth** the evening before because they found the play offensive.

Not an auspicious way to go into the theatre, I thought, but who knows what really lies behind a viewer's sudden departure? Such things you tend to shrug off the best you can. Certainly Beth Tzedec's new drama group is not the first company nor will it be the last to have the distinction of that dubious honor.

It's hard to believe that the Jewish Other Theatre set out to present an offensive play. Their aim in formation was clearly defined: "To uplift Jewish consciousness amongst ourselves and in the Jewish community at large by discovering new forms of theatre." Their first attempt was a dramatic adaptation of a legend extrapolated from Arthur A. Cohen's novel, **In The Days of Simon Stern.** It ran for four performances at the end of December.

The Legend of the Last Jew was not deliberately offensive, but it was an ambiguous and puzzling production, often misguided in its attempt to breathe life into a fascinating but difficult piece of literature.

Cohen's original piece was set in futuristic Spain when a prosperous Geronan merchant finds himself the last Jew remaining in a world where all the other Jews have been converted to Christianity. Don Rafael Acosta has always lived as a Christian on the surface, but finds himself, one ordinary evening, compelled to disclose his Jewishness to a zealous priest taking refreshments at his home. Subsequently shamed, arrested, and then tortured, Acosta seemingly is the only Jew to die in defiance of religious suppression. His death becomes a spiritual and moral victory.

Legends occupy a very specific place in prose; soft around the edges and often placed within a fantasy framework, their hard inner core still illuminates life's bitter truths. But what to do with them in dramatic form? One can only put them in an illusionary context or else make them into pure distillations of reality like an Andrew Wyeth painting. Neither course is easy, the latter course especially difficult, demanding consummate skill from the performers.

Director Joan Freeman opted to follow the first route at the beginning of the play, dressing her chorus in the masks and robes of medieval inquisitionists. It was a stunning opening, greatly aided by Stephne Plotkin's blood red and ghostly green lighting and Gary Switzer's clean stage design. Alas, it's was over too soon and we were plunged into representational 20th century drama, intercut thereafter by a medley of styles which ranged startlingly from comedy, satire, farce, tragedy, fantasy, and realism. In one scene we witnessed a fierce caricature straight out of **America Hurrah!**

The cast bravely followed all the paths hither and yon, many of them mugging through the comic scenes which desperately cried out for irony. Through all of this, at least Alan Levine displayed a competent consistency in the role of Don Rafael Acosta.

It was these excesses, however, at odds with Arthur Cohen's biting but subtle satire of Spanish Catholicism, which proved to be the offensiveness which rankled members of the predominantly Jewish audience. Ms. Freeman fell into a trap in trying to depict the madness of religious fervor that is as dangerous and self-defeating in Jewish drama as it is in any drama.

Clearly, the goal of the Jewish Other Theatre to find alternative Jewish drama is a worthwhile field to plumb. While there is a plethora of Jewish dramatists, there is a paucity of Jewish drama. The new company, with its commendable ambitions, like any other company needs to sound out its own resources and limitations at length before engaging in script development, a difficult endeavor at the best of times. In the interim, staged readings from selected Jewish dramatists and novelists would fulfill the theatre's mandate, yet not tax its boundaries at this vulnerable stage of development.

First-rate book on wars establishes author as foremost expert on subject

books

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Elusive Victory, The Arab-Israeli Wars 1947-1974 By Trevory Dupuy Fitzhenry & Whiteside $33.95

Elusive Victory is probably the best history of Israel's wars with the Arabs. Dupuy, co-author of **The Encyclopedia of Military History**, has written a first-rate book which should establish him as one of the foremost experts on the subject. It is well-researched, balanced and reasoned. Neither Arabs nor Jews will find much fault with it.

In reading **Elusive Victory**, I was repeatedly struck by his mastery of the material and his acute powers of analysis. Warfare is not a simple science, and it is to Dupuy's credit that he has been able to pull together the disparate strands of Arab-Israeli wars into a coherent, driving narrative.

My only criticism is of Dupuy's style, which is rather dry. But, given the somewhat technical nature of the book, this is understandable.

He deals with the War of Independence, Sinai Campaign, Six Day War and Yom Kippur War. But he doesn't ignore the skirmishes between the major wars, particularly the periods between 1950-55, 1963-67 and 1968-70.

Each portion of the book contains useful charts concerning battlefield lineups (men and equipment), casualties and losses in material. Seemingly nothing escapes his notice.

Dupuy reminds the reader that the first Arab-Israeli war was probably Israel's toughest. The Arabs could have won that war had they possessed a unified command and a single, dauntless purpose. As it was, they squandered countless opportunities, while the Israelis displayed national unity and innovative tactics.

Contrary to myth, Israel was not very much outnumbered. Despite the Arabs' numerical superiority in population, Israel often fielded more men in setpiece battles, Dupuy writes.

In his view, the 1956 war was really an Anglo-French disaster rather than a resounding Egyptian defeat. Considering the odds, Nasser's Egyptian armies performed as best as could be expected under the circumstances. Egypt gained valuable political objectives, while Israel opened the Red Sea to Israeli shipping and curbed terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip.

Both sides blundered into the Six Day War, but Israel won it decisively by knocking out the combined air power of the Egyptians, Jordanians and Syrians. The results may have been slightly different had this not occurred, he says.

Dupuy devotes one chapter to the post-1967 period, when the Israeli army had to cope with Palestinian incursions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, and fought a mini-war with the Egyptians along the length of the Suez Canal. It will be recalled that about 500 Israeli troops were killed in action from the end of the Six Day War to the 1970 Suez Canal ceasefire.

Dupuy's penchant for detail emerges in full bloom in his magnificent analysis of the Yom Kippur War. For example, 10,500 Egyptian artillery shells fell on Israeli lines in the first minute of Egypt's concerted attack. Like other commentators, he respects Egypt's undoubtable accomplishments in the opening days of the conflict, and he cites the Egyptian crossing of the Bar-Lev Line as one of the supreme efforts in the history of warfare.

Taking issue with some of his colleagues, Dupuy defends the Israeli rationale behind the ill-fated Bar-Lev Line. He says the general staff had no choice but to erect the $300 million system, which fell to the Egyptians in a matter of days.

The author writes that the individual Israeli soldier outperformed his Arab counterpart, initial Syrian and Egyptian territorial gains notwithstanding. Yet, in his concluding remarks, he warns that Israel's superiority may not last indefinitely.

Letter to the Editor

Wrongly attributed

On behalf of the students involved in the Scharansky trial dramatization I would like to thank The CJN for its review.

However, there was a serious misquote in Jeff Bien's article. He attributed the words of Dr. Andrei Sakharov to Dr. Sanya Lipavsky. Lipavsky was a double agent who falsely testified against Scharansky at his trial, and prior to his trial published slanderous and libellous letters about Scharansky and other Refuseniks in the Soviet Press.

To attribute the words of as great a man as Sakharov to someone like Lipavsky is a gross inaccuracy and a grave injustice.

Marilyn Levitan,
Director, Canadian Bureau
North American Jewish Students' Network

Recent concert

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Superb intelligence in both planning and execution marked Holy Blossom's Dec. 8 concert of Ladino folk songs. Cantor Sheldon F. Merel's renditions of Spanish Ladino ballads, prayers and wedding songs were complemented by sensitive accompaniment by guitarist Robert Feuerstein and flautist Jennifer Dowden.

Merel began with a rendition of **Adon Olam** as performed to this day in Curacao's Congregation Mikveh Israel, and then swung towards the Hebraic folk choral with **Cuando El Rey Nimrod.** The wedding song **Noches, Noches** was more freely liturgical in a style which could have been traditional East European-chazzonas as well as Sephardi.

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VISITORS TO ISRAEL MARVEL AT BEAUTY

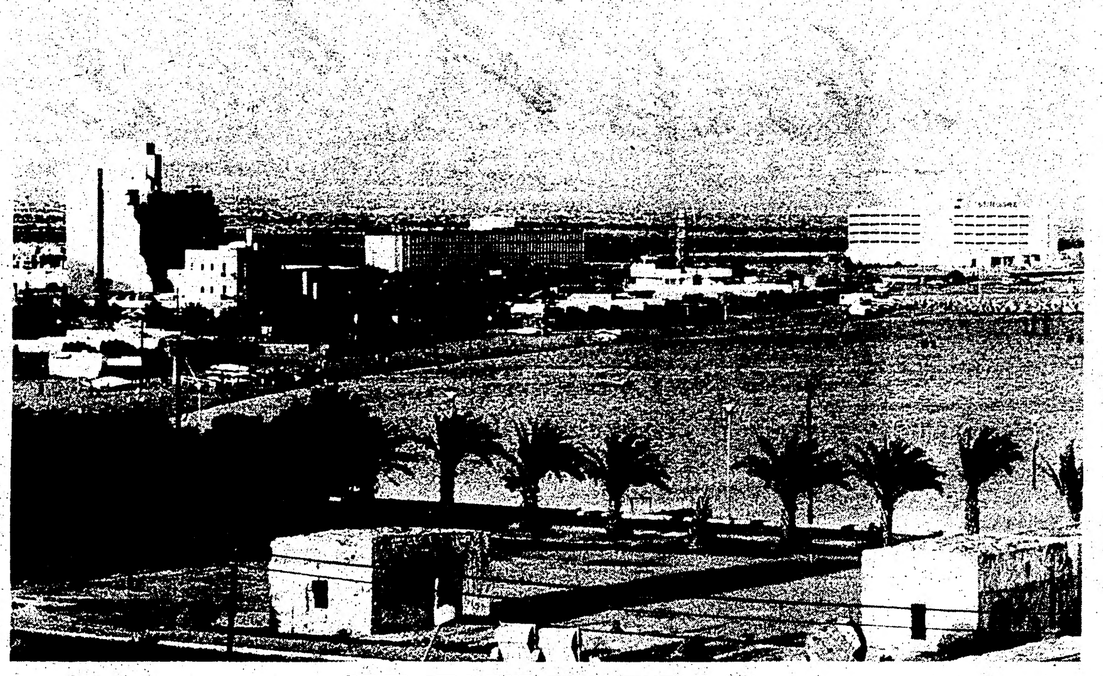
By ARYEH LOUV

JERUSALEM —

Most first-time visitors to Israel find the country far more beautiful than they had expected. The scenery ranges from pleasant to overpowering, many of the cities and towns display the patina of history and the juxtaposition of ancient monuments and pioneering modern buildings provides a special kind of fascination. The historical and spiritual images may make more impact on tourists than the mundane ones. Other scenes that may not reach their usual standard of tidiness can comfortably be classified as 'picturesque.'

Thus, as they leave Israel after a sight-filled, emotion-packed visit of one or two weeks, they take with them the image of a beautiful land.

The more leisurely or repeat visitor may discover that in some places the beauty is only skin-deep or pock marked, a problem that many Israelis (but not enough) are aware of. This is the reason that a number of Israelis created the Council for a Beautiful Israel in 1968. They have been busy as beavers ever since, and can point to a number of victories in their battle against neglect, filth and litter, wrong building practices and destruction of landscape, although they will be the first to admit that the war has not yet been won, and will not be for a long time.



SUNRISE IN EILAT

Eilat, Israel's southernmost port, lies in the shadow of the rust-brown mountains of Jordan. It's still considered a development town.

LIFE IN THE COURTYARD

In the Middle East, houses have traditionally been built around a courtyard. A large part of family and community life takes place here, and the yard is kept spick and span as well as beautified with plants, trees and flowers. Whatever goes on outside the house, in the street or field, is nobody's business, not even city hall's, village council, or what have you. The result is that garbage, discarded furniture and anything else no longer needed or wanted in the house is heaved out over the wall into the street, where it lies until carried away by a private enterprise old rags man or just rots.

In Israel, the arrival of the 20th century, and of immigrants from countries with different standards, has done much to change conditions, but immigrants from countries where a pile of refuse in the street causes a raised foot, but not a raised eyebrow and where an unpainted door is left unpainted, can slow down the pace of lifting hygiene and aesthetic standards. Also, the imputed improvements of modern civilization are not always an ecological blessing, as many advanced nations have experienced.

In the early years of statehood, Israel had to build housing at a frantic rate in order to get the hundreds of thousands of immigrants out of tent camps. There was neither time nor money to spend on research for dwellings designed to meet the needs of the dweller, such as landscape and climate. Consequently, inadequate and unbeautiful housing projects and even whole towns went up all over the country.

For a number of years now the pace of both immigration and development has been less hectic. More consideration can be given to planning, but this does not necessarily mean all the problems are solved satisfactorily.

Thus the Council for a Beautiful Israel has to match wits with the human element—the variegated population of the country with widely differing backgrounds and habits—as well as with the demands of a technically rapidly developing society. The Council is made up of volunteers in various walks of life plus a paid staff of 15 persons, most of them working part-time. Fifty percent of its budget comes from the government, the other half is derived from special projects with outside participation.

The scope of its activities is so wide that care has to be taken not to overreach energies and resources. The Council works in close co-operation with various public bodies and government agencies such as the National Parks Authority, the Nature Protection Society, the Nature Reserves Authority and others.

STREET AND BEACH FURNITURE

For several years now urban streets in Israel have been sprouting brightly colored benches, playgrounds, taxi stands, and lottery kiosks. This "street furniture" is a result of the activities of a special Design Committee, a voluntary body of architects and artists, who approach and advise municipalities towards improving the townscape.

They press for legislation to regulate the excrescence of commercial signs and promote the use of pleasing colors to combat frequent drabness of public and other buildings, and try to reduce the clutter and redundancy of traffic signs, street and traffic lights into fewer, more efficient elements. The committee is currently introducing beach furniture (canopies, trash cans, lifeguard's tower) to improve the appearance of public beaches.

In conjunction with a paint manufacturer, the Council launches face-lifting projects in schools, which usually go beyond painting by the pupils themselves, continuing on to cleaning up the schoolyard, planting greenery, making curtains and generally instilling a feeling of pride among the pupils in their environment and reducing vandalism against public property. Frequently the pupils' enthusiasm spreads to their parents, and the various members of the family do their bit in "putting on a better face."

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Just as important as corrective action in urban areas, if not more so, are preventive measures to nip disfiguring building or development projects in the bud. Here the Council enlists the aid of volunteers who scrutinize the press for announcements of building plans exhibited for public inspection, as mandatory by law. Frequently such plans used to be approved by municipal and regional town planning bodies by default, for lack of public interest. Now the Council has acquired official authority to submit objections to plans, which takes part of the brunt away from the volunteer watchdogs.

The Council's activity does not guarantee that objectionable plans are shelved, and sometimes vested interests have the upper hand. Still, several of Israel's cities have been saved from buildings or complexes that would have distorted the scale of existing neighborhoods, caused overcrowding and excessive traffic or led to other forms of hardships.

The Council also ventures outside city limits, where its activities deal with landscaping of highways, regulating the proliferation of billboards, removing and preventing scrap heaps and abandoned cars, and lobbying for a law requiring farmers to work their land to the edge of the roadways.

Major efforts are devoted to educating the driving public not to throw trash out of cars. Here, again, a corps of volunteers are on the lookout, armed with cards on which the circumstance of the misdeed and the licence number of the car are noted. Offending car owners receive a polite letter in the mail, explaining to them how they have sinned and asking them to behave in the future. In order to discourage motorized littering, the Council distributes trash bags to be hung in the car. Other highway blemishes the Council has tackled successfully are unattractive and neglected gas stations.

STARTING YOUNG

One of the Council's most important fields of endeavor is that of education, specifically of children in kindergarten and the lower grades of elementary school, that being the age group in which visual and aesthetic consciousness should and can be instilled. The Council has developed workbooks, audio-visual aids, games and instruction kits dealing with gardening, landscaping, art appreciation, home maintenance, all as part of subjects already being taught in the schools. After try-outs in pilot projects, many of the new approaches and ideas are adopted by the Ministry of Education and incorporated in the curriculum on a nationwide basis.

The activities mentioned above give only a slight idea of the terrain and the scope covered by the Council. Both could be even larger if more volunteers and resources would be available, since except for these limitations, there is no end to the range of activities that the Council could undertake usefully, successfully, and to the benefit of all Israelis.

Toronto's Ted Kosoy has seen great deal of the world

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Ted Kosoy estimates it will take him another 30 years to see the rest of the world. He's already seen 115 different countries, and there are a lot more to cover.

Kosoy is a 41-year-old native of Toronto who has made globe-trotting expeditions his way of life for the past 11 years. Kosoy claims to be the only person in Canada working as a full-time travel guide writer. He said there are plenty of persons who work as travel writers for magazines and newspapers; but in his opinion writing short travel pieces on an occasional basis is a lot different than writing travel guides.

Since 1971, Kossoy has written seven books which have had a combined sale of more than 100,000 copies. His first book was a travel guide to Europe for Canadians. "I sold about 20,000 copies of that book, but you can't survive on only one book, so I said 'what's next?'

"I thought okay, I'll put out a guide to Canada." He did so and his fortune prospered. He felt two guides weren't enough, so he wrote one on Florida. He's also written guides to the Orient and South Pacific, Mexico and South America, Washington, D.C., and New York.

To the ordinary traveler, who might take a two-week vacation once a year, Kosoy's lifestyle sounds like a glamorous way to live. But to Kosoy it's work, 70 hours a week worth of work. When he isn't traveling (six months a year), he is in his Toronto office writing and researching his guides. "It is a lot more than a nine-to-five job."

Before Kosoy became involved in the travel-writing business, he was a high-school teacher in Toronto. "But that was kids' stuff compared to this," he commented.

"I got tired of being an expensive babysitter and decided to go back to university." Kosoy obtained an MA in history and said "I owed myself a treat."

"I went to the banana republics in Central America and fell in love with them. I felt a need to write about them."

During this time, Kosoy developed a plan where he would write travel articles for two years, contributing to publications like The Toronto Star, Maclean's and The Financial Post. It was also about that time that he conceived the idea for his first book.

"Now I only do articles as a favor, not as part of my practise."

There are a lot of different philosophies to writing travel guides, from the Frommer $5-a-day series to the highly respected Michelin collection. Kosoy feels, "Frommer wants to travel as cheaply as possible. My approach is to take advantage, to see and to do things while visiting a country.

"The essence of travel is new experience. I think the joy of travel is to be able to witness, to observe, the things erected by people from near and far."

Kosoy says that besides enjoying the architecture and the art of the different countries, the creations of nature should be seen: the Amazon River, the Himalayas, and jungles are all breathtaking.

"I love travel because it's work. If it weren't work it would be boring or pointless. People need a vacation to get away from a boring job."

Kosoy's office contains a massive collection of travel books, maps, and histories of art and architecture. He said he can't afford to make any mistakes in his material because often there is no second chance to correct mistakes. He researches every bit of information that goes into one of his guides.

According to Kosoy, Toronto is the second best city in North America for a travel writer. (New York is the best.) He said most of the airlines and tourist offices make their headquarters here.

"This is the centre of publishing for English Canada and finally, Torontonians are travel crazy," Kosoy said.

Flood of tourists

JERUSALEM —

The trunk of Israel's dynamic 40 centuries old, and 30 years young tourist industry is rooted in the traditional soil of pilgrimage traffic. But in the modern state's short history it has learned to attract sun-seekers, skin divers, conventioneers, professionals on study tours, nature lovers, farmers—to mention only a few of the many different types of people who find Israel an alluring vacation destination.

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London, Allan on Dec. 29, 1978 late of 605 Finch Ave. W.

Mutlger, Samuel on Dec. 28, 1978 late of 3 Michigan Ave.

Rosenberg, Rachel Leah on Jan. 2, 1979 late of 8 Roberta Dr.

Scher, Eva on Dec. 27, 1978 late of 200 Dawes Rd.

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The Canadian Jewish news CLASSIFIEDS

Trying efforts could yield Syrian release

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"Encountering many obstacles and police checks, the Sabbaghs managed to make their way from Aleppo to Damascus, and at considerable expense," said Mrs. Carr. "When they finally got to the British embassy, they were told that there were no papers at all waiting for them. They were terribly disappointed."

Canadian government officials finally admitted that their over-worked Beirut office had neglected to send the promised papers on to Damascus.

"There was fire in my letters to them, I can tell you that," said Mrs. Carr. She has a bulging file full of correspondence between her and Canadian government officials on behalf of Syrian Jewry.

A further impediment to the granting of immigration applications to both families was the 'Chaya Mograbi' incident.

Last April, a man identifying himself by that name ('Chaya' in Hebrew is invariably a woman's name), approached the Canadian embassy in Beirut. Telling officials he was the head of the Lebanese Jewish community (which by that time was all but extinct), he said that all of Syria's Jews were content where they were and that none wanted to leave. "This was supposedly the only direct information the Canadians received about Syrian Jews," said Mrs. Carr, "and it was taken at face value." The effect of Mograbi's pronouncement was a further delay in issuing the immigration papers that were so desperately needed.

A subsequent attempt to reach Mograbi by the Canadians to effect a meeting with both families through an intermediary proved unsuccessful. He just could not be reached.

Consultations with well known members of the Lebanese Jewish community failed to identify the existence of any Chaya Mograbi. All further checks proved inconclusive in establishing his identity. Who was the mysterious Mr. Mograbi? So far, no one knows.

Since that incident, correspondence from Canadian immigration officials to Mrs. Carr and the National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands has indicated awareness of the dangers faced by Jews in their bid for emigration.

"And to try to leave the country illegally," says Mrs. Carr, "is to invite instant execution." She recounted what happened in March 1974 to three teen-aged sisters and their girl friend — Laura, Toni and Farah Zebach and Eva Saad — who hired a guide to take them down through the mountains into Lebanon. "When the girls got to the border town of Asfura, they were arrested, raped, mutilated and killed. They were dumped on their parents' doorsteps, their bodies cut up into little bits and stuffed in sacks."

Leaders of the Jewish community were accused of their murder and arrested. When Amnesty International was finally allowed to send lawyers into the country for their defence, the case was suddenly dropped.

Mrs. Carr said that Canadian Jewish communities would be observing the yahrzeit of the four girls during synagogue services on March 10, Shabbat Zachor.

"For the Dahab and Sabbagh families now, things are in a critical stage," said Mrs. Carr. "The Canadian government is showing its willingness to accept them for re-unification with their families here. Now it is up to the Syrian government to let these people go."

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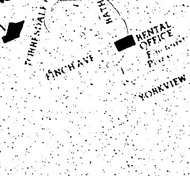

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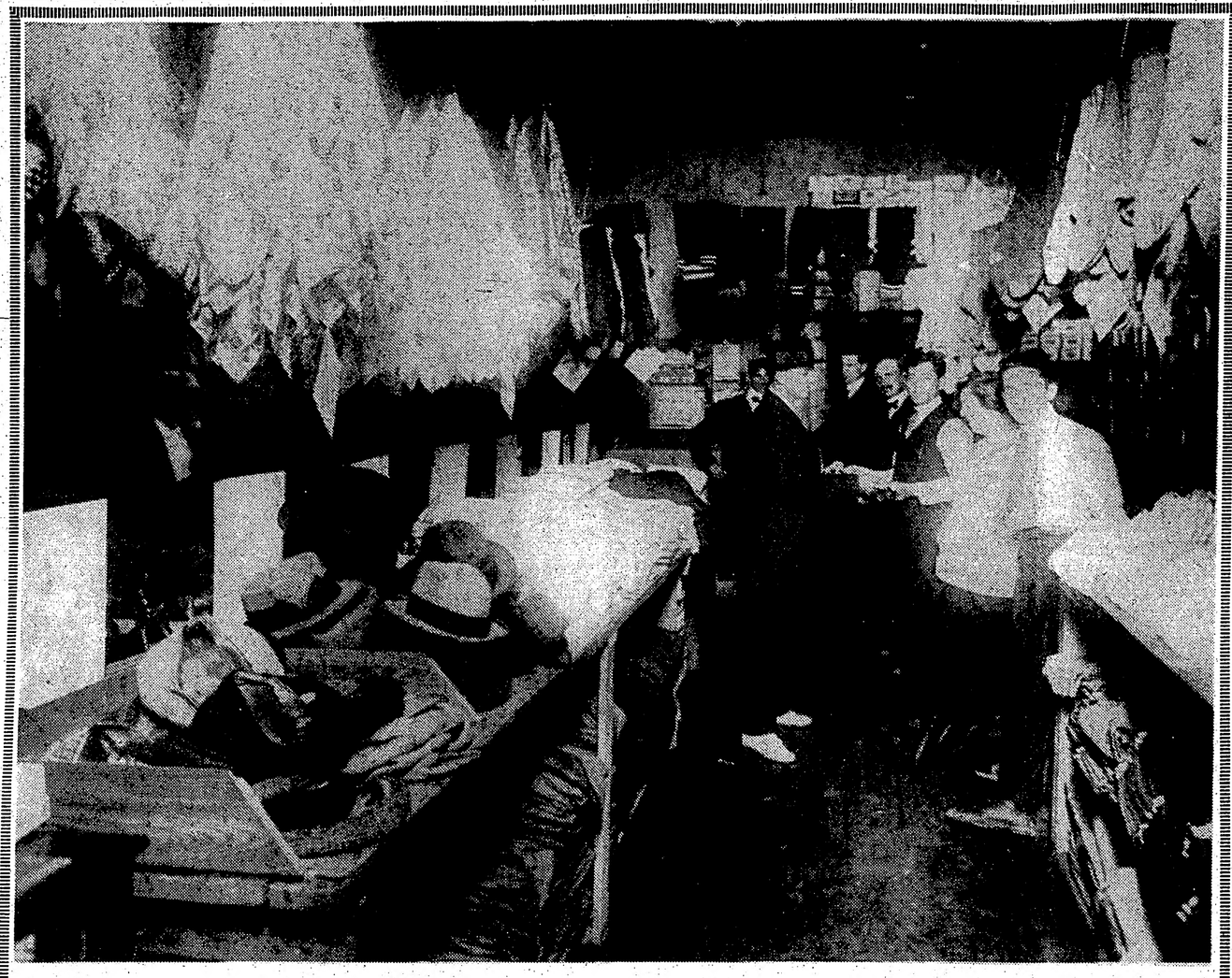

BUSINESS IN YEARS GONE BY

The razzle-dazzle of modern merchandising is absent in this Toronto dry-goods store, circa 1918. Personal touch, lacking today, is hardly missing.

Selection of suitable books for all Jewish children

books
By ROSE KLEINER

Chanuka, '78, is now only a pleasant memory, but the holiday generated an interest in children's books and here are some of the great variety that are available:

It Could Be Worse (Farrar, Straus, Giroux) by Margot Zemach is sure to charm any pre-schooler. This attractively illustrated book retells the old Yiddish folk tale of a family that lived under very crowded conditions, but learned from a rabbi that bad as things are, they still "could be worse."

Family Scrapbook (Farrar, Straus, Giroux) by M.B. Goffstein contains seven brief tales for the young child. They range from topics such as "Yom Kippur" to "Alberto Giacometti." Goffstein's **Two Piano Players** is a touching story of a little girl, Debbi Weinstock, who goes to live with her grandfather.

Yeshiva Children Write Poetry (Hebrew Publishing Company) edited by Manfred Gans, is the result of a poetry search contest which was conducted among yeshiva children in the U.S. and Canada. Reading through these poems we learn much about what it means to be a Jewish child in North America.

Three books for older children, which their parents would also enjoy, deserve to be mentioned here. Joan Comay's books on biblical history are well known. Her new book, **The Hebrew Kings** (William Morrow & Co.) makes for both informative and entertaining reading. Its maps, charts, indexes, and illustrations give Comay's book particular value as a source book for those numerous projects which most youngsters are assigned.

Another volume which has the dual appeal of being both entertaining and informative is the reprinted edition of **The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hammelin** (Schocken Books), with a new introduction by Robert S. Rosen. This book is the diary of a Jewish mother of 14 children. It tells of how she managed both her home and a business, in the finest spirit of Jewish tradition. No, this is not a 20th century liberated "superwoman." The mother here is Gluckel of Hammelin. She lived in northern Germany and her diary begins in the year 1690. It is a memoir she addresses to her children.

Isaac Bashevis Singer calls himself a skeptic and a mystic. But there is nothing ambivalent or ambiguous about his stories for children. They are crafted with the same (if not more tender) care which he gives to all his writings. His direct and uncomplicated prose is well suited for the child of any age. The humanity and compassion that pervade his stories leave no doubt about their ability to captivate the old as well as the young. Singer's **A Day of Pleasure** (Farrar, Straus &Giroux) tells the story of a Jewish boy (Singer) growing up in Warsaw. It is illustrated with photographs by Roman Vishniac, whose pictures are such a powerful reminder of that Jewish life in Warsaw which no longer is. Stories like **The Washwoman**, and **Reb Asher the Dairyman**, penetrate the souls of two simple, hard-working people and reveal a nobility of spirit that cannot help but deepen our sympathy and understanding for all of mankind.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin addresses concerns

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL — By now, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin is used to lively debate and tough questioning. In an encounter with feminist leader Gloria Steinem not long ago, the New York rabbi was asked: "If Judaism is so fair, why is God a man?"

When similar points were raised last month at a weekend Shabbaton sponsored by Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem, the spiritual leader of Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue was not at a loss for words.

In four lectures on the subject—the liberated Orthodox woman in a man's world—Riskin told consistently large audiences the Kaballa considered the major component in God to be feminine rather than masculine. As for the alleged inferior status of women in traditional Judaism, Riskin said the biblical model for male-female relations was much more equitable than was realized and clearly established a mutual role for husband and wife.

"The long period of European influence on Judaism introduced an emphasis on male dominance which was not originally intended in biblical interpretation."

On the controversial blessing by which a male worshipper praises God for not having made him a woman, Riskin was also adamant. "The feminist movement has both misunderstood and blown this issue out of all proportion. Certainly the philosophy of Judaism does not stand or fall on that one blessing." Riskin dismissed the claim that the blessing was undisguised sexism, stressing instead that it was an expression of gratitude by men for not having to undergo the difficulties of childbirth which formerly led to a high mortality rate.

He also discounted the charge that basic sexism was behind the lack of participation by Orthodox women in religious services.

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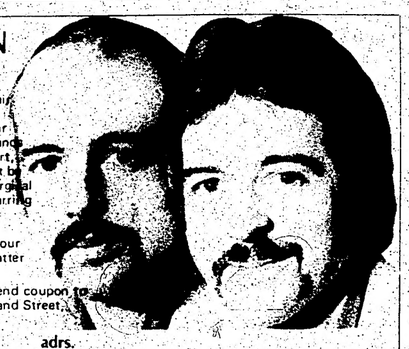

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